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FRAUD FULLER.

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Fraud Fuller, on von afdernoon,
Dended bar by a beer-saloon;
Visdling 'Gabding Shinks" loud und free,
Yoosd like some bird on a abble dree.

But when she looked around by der room
Und saw dot olt man have dot broom,

Dot visdle go oud, und pooty gwick
She dought dot she vos awful sick.

She vished dot she vos ub in der moon,
Und dond vos glerk by a beer-saloon.

Der Shudge come valking in der door
Yoosd like he always done before

He valked righd ub yoosd like a lord,
Across der room to speak mit Fraud,

Und ask for a beer, und der old man's heldth,
Uud dhen say he vos vell himself.

She vend und braughd a fresh keg ub,
Und filled for him a big tin cup.

Und laughed when he drunk it—dhinkin' dhen
Dot Shudges vos der best kind of men.

"Fill em ub again'" said der Shudge; "bedder beer
I dond have drunk for many a year."

He sboke of der ground, und Limberger-cheese,
Of der sour bread, und der pumple-bees.

He spoke of der Buminiekle grob for an hour,
Und vondered vot made lager-bier turn sour.

Und Fraud dond dhink some more of dot broom,
Und der old man sidding in dot back room.

At lasd der Shudge he dond can sday,
Bud drunk his beer und vend avay.

Fraud Fuller gried yoosd like a gow,
Und vished she vos der Shudge's frow.

"He vould drass me ub in nice goot glothes,
I dond vould vear such frocks like does—

"My fadder could vear a soltier coat—
My brudder vould have a pilly-goat—

"I'de dress my mudder so grand und gay,
Und der baby should be vashed some day."

Der Shudge looked back und almosd gry
When he saw Fraud Fuller vink her eye.

"Vould she vos mine, and I nexd year
Like her, a slinger of lager-bier"

"Ve'd be so habby as tays vos long
Und do nodding else bud sing some song.

"Ve'd sing und dance der whole tay oud,
Und ead goot cheese und sour-groud."

Bud he doughd of his siaders, big und fat,
Of his mudder, und der old tom-gat.

So he shud ub his doughds, und vend righd home,
Und Fraud vos lefd by der door alone.

Bud his mudder she looked und gried dot nighd,
Vhen der Shudge vend to bed so awful dighd.

He married a vidder older as he,
Und doughd he vos habby as habby can be.

Yed goot many nighds vhen he drunk his bier,
He vished dot Fraud vos sdanding near.

Und sweed Fraud Fuller used to gry,
Und vhh dot she could gone und dye.

He don'd could dream vhen he vend to bed
Of his frow—but of sweed Fraud insdead.

He shud ub his eyes pooty gwick, und dhen
He vished dot he vos vake again.

Und dot old feller gried oud mit pain,
Und vished dot he vos free again.

Free as vhen he vend dot tay
Und drunk dot beer, und didn't pay.

She married some feller—poor like a mouse—
Und dond got a nice big prown-stone house.

Und dot man's got drunk mosd efery day—
Und dhen dhere vos some drouble to pay.

Und of'd vhen der guarrel got so hot,
Und he hid her mid der goffee-pot,

Dot vos der dime vhen she make him fall
Ofer der sdofe, und dable, und all.

Dhen she sid down und gry yoosd der same,
Dot unless she make up she vos a sdale.

Und looking up mit eyes so red,
She kick dot old man und vend to bed.

Sometimes she doughed dot leedle room
Yoosd looked like some big beer-saloon.

Und dot shakedy dable—vorn und old—
She doughd vos gofered ofer mid gold.

Und as for him, so drunk like a gow,
Und vos always kigking ub a row—

She doughd de Shudge sdood by her side,
Und asked her ofer she'd be his bride.

Und dhen she voke ub, as ve all does,
Saying only, "Vot has been—vos?"

Alas for Fraud, und de old Shudge, too—
Vos dond can make de most of life now.

I pidy dhem bodh so much as I could,
For tays vot's gone vos gone for good.

For der vorsdesd ding der dongue e'er does
Is vhen it says, "Vot has been—vos."

Ah, vell! led's all sing und be gay,
For efery dog must have his day.

Und it dond madder how ve vill,
Ve never can make "love run like oil."

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THE DEATH VISOR;

OR,

THE MYSTERIOUS KNIGHT.

THE LOST KING OF PERSIA:

A Thrilling Romance of Persepolis during the Reign of Prince Haradan.

CHAPTER XIX.

THE DEATH VISOR AND THE KING.

After Burdis had taken his departure the King hurried to the audience chamber. The council had sat long before his arrival, and the business of the hour was nearly finished. He did not wait long here, but soon returned to the apartment where he had left Lena. He found it vacant. He went and looked out into the garden, but he could not see her there. He was just going to another apartment, when one of his female slaves entered the room.

"Where is the maiden?" he asked, as the slave stopped and bowed down.

"She has gone to her bed," was the response.

"To bed?" repeated the King. "And did she know that I should seek her there?"

"She is sorely afflicted, sire."

"Aye; so I feared! But my presence will soon restore her."

"Not so, sire; for she is bereft of reason at times, and her blood lies hot in her veins; and the physician, being called, pronounces it fever, for her system is greatly shattered."

"Did she rave, said you?" inquired the King, turning towards the slave.

"Most strangely, sire."

"Now, by my life!" cried the monarch, "she talked the same with me, and I did not think of her being lost in mind. I will forego my visit. But, Yazra, nurse her well; and when she becomes more easy in her mind, call me, and I will attend her."

The slave bowed low and then left the room. The King returned to the chamber where he had first spoken to the maiden, and stood leaning against one of the pillars, looking out upon the garden. He was just upon the point of turning away, when a movement of the arras caught his eye, and upon looking that way he observed a human figure step from behind the heavy hangings into the room. The newcomer was in the garb of a pilgrim, and seemed bowed. The cowl of his cloak was drawn over his head, and but little of his features could be seen.

"Now, whom have we here?" uttered the King, part in anger and part in surprise—surprised that the intruder should have made his way to these private apartments unannounced, and angry that he should have been allowed so to do.

"One who has come to see the King," answered the pilgrim.

"Then you have wandered from your path. The King should have been seen an hour ago, in the audience chamber."

"I wished not to speak with the King alone, and hence I have sought him here."

"How gained you admittance?"

"The same as does your majesty, I suppose."

"And wherefore come ye?"

"I come for justice. There has been a maiden of great beauty stolen from her home by some graceless villains."

"And do you know who seized the maiden?"

"I only know that they were soldiers. Does the King know anything of this?"

"Do you know that you now speak with the King?"

"I know it well."

"Now speak freely."

"I wish to be understood. I wish to know of the maiden."

"Suppose I were to tell you that she is now in my palace?"

"I should believe thee."

"She is."

"I knew it."

"Ha! You tamper with me, then?"

"I would hear the truth from your own lips. Where is the girl?"

"She is my wife."

"But she loves another. You will not force her——"

"Look ye!" cried the King, and his face flushed with anger; "you are an old man; I have heard thee speak; depart in peace, or run the risk of punishment. Out, I say!"

"Hold a moment, King! I have not come here to banter you, or to make a bargain of words. I warn you that you had better give up your intent upon the maiden, if she is here——"

"She is here!"

"Then, King of Persia, listen to me! Give up thy intent upon the maiden, or, if thou wilt sacrifice her honor to thy lust, thou shalt lose thy crown! Dost hear me?"

At first the King could not answer, for he was strangely moved. It was not all anger, nor was it all fear. It was a strange mingling of emotions. He had heard the same warning thrice before. What did it mean? These thoughts stirred within him, and he was silent.

"Listen to me, King," continued the pilgrim in a quiet tone. "You shall not harm the maiden, nor shall you sacrifice her virtue."

"Now, by the Holy Rod of Persia!" cried the King, starting back, "you shall suffer for this! Never was I so insulted!"

"'Tis I that am insulted!"

"Take care!" shouted the King, drawing his sword, "how you speak further upon this matter."

"Put by thy sword, Prince Haradan," calmly returned the pilgrim, his voice growing stronger and deeper, "for thou wilt not use it upon thy visitor. Will you give up the maiden?"

"No!" shouted the monarch hoarsely. His face was of a livid hue, and his hands were clutched till they bled. Who was this man before him that awed him from striking? "Go, I warn thee! I'll have thee killed by inches!"

"Not one step until thou dost promise——"

The King now began to think that the person before him was nothing more than one of the dissenters of the realm, who thought to browbeat him into submission, and with a quick movement he raised his sword to strike, but it fell powerless at his side; for at the very instant he made the movement the cowl of the pilgrim's cloak fell from off his head, disclosing the grinning skull of the Death Visor.

"Thou art——" gasped the King, staggering back a few paces.

"Thy enemy; for thou didst kill the King!"

"——ah!" whispered the King, turning pale as death, and at the same time putting forth one hand as if to feel the flesh of the mysterious being before him. But before his hand reached the arm of his visitor, a bright sword flashed out from its scabbard, and glittered in the light.

"Pause, King of Persia! Thy hands are dyed in the blood of thy King! The soul of the Duchess of Aurlace cries for vengeance! The heart of the maiden weeps for mercy! The people of your empire suffer, and their voices are raised against you! Thou art truly a villain!"

"Out, monster! devil! sprite! infernal ghoul! Out, I say!" shrieked the King, glaring wildly at the figure before him. "You have taken a form from the other world, and now put it on to appall me with. You lie in my face when you say 'twas I who killed the King!"

"Thou didst instruct thy messengers to it, and ye alone are guilty. Now, remember! Let one movement of thine bring tears to the eyes of the maiden, and every soul in Persia shall know what I know."

The King could bear no more. With one wild movement he clapped his hands together, and gave one frenzied cry for his slaves.

"Beware, Haradan!" spoke the mysterious knight. "Remember me, *for thou dost know me!*"

He ceased speaking just as the slaves rushed into the apartment, and as they entered he raised the heavy tapestry and disappeared.

"What ho! slaves! dogs! Seize that old man and bind and gag him! Let his mouth be stopped!"

The slaves sprang after the knight, round the pillars, back and through the corridors, out into the court; but he was gone.

"Not find him!" exclaimed the King.

"Not in the palace, sire."

"But he must be here!"

"We have searched, and we find him not," returned the slave.

"What think you of it?" asked the King, glaring wildly at his slaves.

"He is a dæmon!" uttered one of the oldest of the eunuchs.

"You may go now!" and he waved his hand for them to retire. "Strange, strange!" muttered the monarch after the slaves had retired. "Not here! he *must* be here!"

"I am, sire!" and the mysterious knight stepped out from behind the tapestry, as before, and faced the King. "Remember, *remember* the Death Visor of Navarre!"

With a shriek the [illegible] fell senseless upon the floor. But the mysterious knight was gone.

CHAPTER XX.

THE KING AND THE MAIDEN.

The King was raised from the floor and placed in his chair, and a draught of wine handed him, which he eagerly drank. On observing Burdis, who had followed the slaves into the room, he motioned him to approach.

"Slaves! retire." He spoke in a low tone, and his whole frame trembled violently. "That old man! the Devil! Burdis, did you meet him?"

"No, sire; I have seen no one."

"Did you not meet the Death Visor?"

"Truly, I did not."

"Well, well, what alls thee, man? Thou art pale as death."

"The knights, sire——"

"Well!"

"They have escaped from the palace!"

"Escaped!" gasped the monarch, springing to his feet.

"And Matti, in his endeavors to prevent them, received a severe cut upon the shoulder."

"But they were not armed!"

"No; but the Death Visor, armed with a huge sword, cut him down."

"O God! give me power over him!" exclaimed the King, starting across the room and raising the silken arras. "What ho, there! Slaves!"

In a few moments a dozen slaves came rushing in. They moved now more quickly than usual, for their royal master had become of late very petulant.

"Now, Burdis, command them search the city through. But stay—my soldiers are the best for such work."

"I think so, sire."

"Slaves, retire!"

This plan the King resolved to follow, and he at once dispatched a hundred of his best soldiers, directing them to divide themselves into ten parties of ten each, and scour the city and the mountains for the twin knights and the mysterious Death Visor.

"By my life, Burdis," he said, after the messenger had gone, "those two rebels shall be brought, dead or alive. There is danger, Burdis—there is treason, rank, foul treason abroad. Have ye not seen it? By my soul, I can smell it in the very air! There's a phantom about me, howling dire threats in my ear, and airy daggers are aimed at me! Can ye not see them, Burdis?"

Burdis was confounded, and he knew not how to reply. He feared the King's mind was turned—and he was not far from right.

"I was not aware, sire," he at length replied, "of so much danger."

"Were you not? But be sure I am not mistaken. Go now, and let me see you again on the morrow."

As soon as the monarch was left alone, he commenced once more to pace the room, for he was in a state of mind bordering on craziness. His heart was torn by wild emotions, and his brain was turned by fearful phantasms. For half an hour he remained thus, and then he left the apartments and entered the long winding corridor leading to the chamber where Lena was confined. He reached it, and entered without ceremony. He found the maiden awake, and the attendant informed him that the physician pronounced her not only out of danger, but also rapidly gaining. The King was pleased with this information, and having ordered the attendant to leave the chamber, he seated himself by the bedside.

Lena was awake, and a perceptible shudder ran through her frame as she thus found her royal persecutor by her side. But she did not repulse him. She knew that he would not harm her now, and she had presence of mind enough to know that it would be better for her not to exhibit her real feelings, for she was not ignorant of the fact that nothing would more exasperate a tyrant than scorn and disgust from one whom he would conciliate. But she meant not to lie—she did not mean to flatter him by professing any feeling which did not exist in her bosom. She would conceal, but not fabricate.

"Sweet maiden," said the King, in a tone as soft and tender as he could command, "I am happy to learn that thou art improving. You will learn to love me, Lena."

"Alas, sire, my love is not worth your notice."

"Yes, it is. By my royal crown, it is worth more than my realm."

"But I can never love you."

"Say not so. You have loved."

Lena gazed up into the monarch's face, and after a moment of doubt she replied:

"Yes, sire; I have."

"You love the knight Roch?"

"Yes, sire."

"He is not fit to possess so sweet a heart, for he has no shelter to offer thee—not even a cot to cover his head."

"What mean you, sire?"

"The youth is a beggar in the city."

"Is he not in the mountain——"

"Alas, sweet maiden, you know him not. He slew his friend Haralas, that he might gain possession of his abode. But he dare not return there, for my officers are stationed within sight."

"Will they kill him?" she faltered.

"No; they will bear him to the palace."

A sharp, cruel pang shot through poor Lena's heart as she heard this, and a low, stifled sob broke from her lips.

"Oh, at length uttered, rising half up in bed, 'this cannot be!'"

"It is most true."

"It cannot be, for he is noble."

"I tell thee, upon my honor," replied the King, "it is so. But think no more of him. You shall find here a heart that shall be wholly yours—your joy shall be my joy, your pain my pain. Shall it not be so?"

"Ask me not now, sire. Let me rest. My head aches, and my soul is pained."

"So you shall," cried the King, rising and bending over the sweet, pale face of the invalid. "You may rest now, and ponder upon what I have said. You must love me. Be sure that I shall make you happy."

He kissed her upon the brow as he ceased speaking, and then left the apartment.

The maiden sank back upon the pillow and closed her eyes. She had hopes now that she would be saved, for the King, she knew, had lied to her concerning Roch. And why should he wish to conciliate, were she wholly in his power?

CHAPTER XXI.

THE TWIN KNIGHTS.

The knights' first thought, after escaping from the death vault, was to arm themselves; and after settling in their minds as to what course they should pursue, they started down the mountain road on a brisk walk. Having walked about half a mile, they paused in front of an armorer's cot, situated near the bend of the road. The armorer soon answered their summons, and as quickly supplied them with good swords. Bidding the armorer adieu, they proceeded on their journey. For some time they kept on without meeting any human being. They had passed the castle of Aurlace and were crossing the great square in front of it, when a human figure was [illegible] three sentinels. The stranger was dressed in the garb of a pilgrim, and moved with slow steps; and when he reached the spot where the youths were standing, the soldiers were but a few feet behind. Their notice was at first directed towards the knights. The latter were not recognized, however, and the soldiers turned their attention to the pilgrim.

"Old man, what do you here, and where do you go?" spoke the foremost of the three.

The pilgrim turned upon the speaker, but did not reply.

"Are you not the same who insulted our King in the palace?" exclaimed another soldier, seizing the old man by the shoulder.

"No; I am not he," calmly answered the man.

"But we think that you are, and you must go with us."

"Do you want to go with these men?" said Roch, addressing the stranger.

The old man shook his head quickly and energetically, but did not speak.

"Ha!" exclaimed the soldier who appeared to be the leader. "Here, take these two meddlers along with you."

The soldiers moved forward at this order, but they were somewhat surprised to see the knights draw their swords. Yet more surprise awaited them; for the pilgrim, throwing back his cloak, drew a heavy sword, and the next instant he was at them. The soldiers fell back, and, drawing their short-swords, fought the knights and the pilgrim as they retreated. Thus far no blows had been received by either of the contending parties; but as Roch became heated his blows fell thick and fast, and in less than three minutes his adversary was stricken down. The pilgrim had crushed in his antagonist's skull, and Rupert's sword had passed clear through the breast of the remaining soldier.

"Thank fortune!" exclaimed Roch, "we are again victorious."

"You came when you were most needed," rejoined the pilgrim. "But where go you now?"

"To the mountains."

"And why not to the city?"

"The King is our sworn enemy, and we dare not be seen within the city limits."

"Then follow me," responded the pilgrim, "and I will conduct you to a place of safety."

They spoke but little now, and moved quickly forward towards the city. Nor was the silence broken until they had entered a narrow, dark lane, near the eastern cliffs, where the dwellings were sparse and poor. At the door of one of these the pilgrim stopped, and for the first time did Roch break the silence.

"Pilgrim, canst keep a secret?"

"As the tomb," was the reply.

"Then know ye, before thou dost entertain us here, that we are the twin Knights of Navarre. We are considered by the King——"

"Speak no further," interrupted the stranger; "for I know thee well." So saying, he struck the door with the handle of his sword, and ere many moments had elapsed a voice from within asked who was there.

"A weary pilgrim on his way to the Holy City," answered the stranger.

The door was opened by a black servant with a lamp in his hand. He led the way to the back part of the building, where the knights found a room not only well furnished, but also displaying some signs of wealth. The pilgrim did not enter the room, but stood in the entry without; and as the servant turned to leave the apartment, after placing the light upon the table, he was ordered by the pilgrim to wait upon the guests, and comply, if possible, with their every wish.

"One question!" exclaimed Roch, as he observed the pilgrim moving from the door; but before he could arrest his progress the pilgrim was gone.

Roch returned to his seat, and then began a conversation upon the events of the day. Presently the servant entered bearing wine and dried fruit, which he sat before them, and then slowly retired. Rupert sprang to the door and called:

"What ho!"

The servant returned and stood awaiting his order.

"Is this the home of the pilgrim?" inquired Rupert.

"It is."

"And what name does he bear?"

"The Death Visor of Navarre!"

Had a thunderbolt at that instant fallen upon the house, the two knights could not have been more surprised. They were completely taken aback. It was strange that they had not recognized him, and stranger still that he had not made himself known.

"And what message did he leave?" asked Roch, who was the first to recover from his astonishment.

"None."

"Where did he go?"

"To the city."

"Dost know the hour for his return?"

"Choose one in the twenty-four."

"Suppose I were to name an hour from now?"

"At that hour he may return."

"But thou hast not told us his name?" rejoined Rupert.

"I can tell thee no further;" and with this the slave bowed and withdrew.

For a long time the two knights sat and conversed. At last, sleep came to their eyes, and then they stretched their wearied forms upon the bed, and were soon lost in slumber.

CHAPTER XXII.

THE KING ENRAGED.

On the morning following these events the King was early astir; and when he reached the apartment where he usually gave audience to his officers and heard the reports of the night, he found some half a dozen of his officials there, and he noticed at once that they wore troubled countenances. His first question was of the mysterious knight—to know if he had been captured. Of course, he received a negative answer; but he saw that that was not all, and he asked what more. After some hesitation and an interchange of quick, furtive glances among the officers, one of them related the circumstance of there having been found three men in the great square near the palace of the Duke—that two were dead, and the other just recovering his speech.

"And what says he?"

"That they were attacked by the Death Visor and two others to him unknown."

The King started back at this answer, and sank into his seat. His face was very pale, and rigid as marble. His teeth were set, and his hands clutched tightly together. He gazed around upon his subjects for some moments, and when he spoke, his voice was firm and strong, though a close observer might have seen, from the marks upon his brow, that he suffered much pain.

"Go scour the city—set all my guards upon the watch! Let every street and square, and every nook, of whatever kind, be searched and watched. A thousand pistoles to him who finds the wizard. Now, officers, can you do this?"

The officers assured their royal master that his commands should be obeyed, and at once set about bevs of soldiers spreading themselves over the city. Into every street and lane they entered. Even dark, narrow lanes, which had never before been thus honored, were guarded by soldiers. What it meant the people could not imagine. They did not dream that all these soldiers were sent out after two men—one of them a mere youth, and the other an old man, far gone on the down-hill of life.

Meanwhile, the King remained in the apartment where we left him. He was alone, not even a slave being with him. At length he rose from his seat and brought his hands together with an energetic movement:

"Oh, must I fret and rave for that which is all my right if I please! By my life, this is a pretty piece of trouble! But she must be mine, mine, and mine alone. I need not fear that old ——"

The King stopped here, and the ashy pallor once more came to his face; but he soon overcame the fear, and after walking in the garden to cool his heated brain, he went to see Lena. The maiden was sitting in her chamber. The roses had returned to her cheeks, her fever had left her, and she seemed well in body, if not in spirit.

"Now, sweet maiden," commenced the royal suitor, "the hour draws nigh for the bliss of our loves. You will soon be mine. You have recovered wonderfully since yesterday."

"I am not so weak, sire, as I have been," answered the maiden.

"And do you not feel thankful?"

"I do; very thankful."

"But you cannot feel so happy as I; for the hour that gives you health gives me a beautiful being."

As the King thus spoke, he placed his arm about the maiden's neck, and would have kissed her; but he saw that she had turned deadly pale, and he started back.

"What ails thee, sweet?" he asked.

"Oh, spare me, spare me!"

"Spare you?"

"The dreadful fate awaiting——"

"Do you mean your marriage with me?"

"Yes, sire," faintly uttered the poor girl, scarcely knowing the words she used.

"And do you call becoming my queen a dreadful fate?" hissed the King in rage.

"Alas, sire, how can I think otherwise, for thou dost crush my heart!"

"And thus you receive the proffered affection of your King? Speak to me, girl!"

"Oh, let me rest now! Come to me——"

"When?"

"Never! never! Oh, never!"

"I see that words will be of no more avail. This very night you shall be my wife!"

"Oh, spare me, have mercy! I will be your slave, your drudge, will wait upon you; but spare my love, break not my heart!"

The King gazed down upon the maiden, and a wicked smile played on his features.

"Lena," he said, and his tone was cold and decided, "as sure as we both live, you shall be my wife to-night!"

"Wife?"

"No; my slave! This very night finds you my wanton, my plaything, my *mistress!* So prepare for my coming!"

So the King spoke, and then he turned from the room. Lena arose to her feet and threw herself upon a couch, and wept as though her very heart would give way under the flood of burning tears.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE ENTRY-CLERK'S SOLILOQUY.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER, BY ROCKS.

To be or not to be—that's what's the matter.
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the insults and bear the ignominy incidental to a bonded life, or by a noble and heroic struggle to strike off the shackles of my slavery, and be free to sit behind a desk slinging ink and swallowing dust, or, in the language of the lamented Greeley, "Go West." These are the vital questions that agitate an aspiring mind, and shake its quiescence to its very centre. To think that we, born to the proud patrimony of a fair education, and inspired by a glorious ambition, should be compelled by a concatenation of adverse circumstances to groan and sweat beneath oppression's lash, and to submit to the inexorable claims of our hash-slinger!—to stand surrounded by countless millions, and yet be poor as Job's turkey! With but the price of a noble stove-pipe in my pocket, I find myself within reach of Aladdin's lamp! O Destiny, thou lynx-eyed omnipotent! why dost thou hurl thy remorseless arrows at my breast? Who dare dispute the fact that our lives are but simply Manifest Destiny, and governed, fashioned, ruled and framed by Circumstances? This life is a game of whist, and this, the Entry Room, is the nine-hole, where honors do not count. If this be not so, then why do not we poor knights of the quill escape from the inky thralldom that encircles us, and burst asunder the fetters of our servitude? No! the same fatality which causes our forced acceptance of the quill weds us to the doom of Sisyphus! The stigma and the stain are alike irrevocable. Is this, then, our destiny? Are there no nobler hopes, no grander designs, no greater achievements, than to be a common, ordinary, disreputable slinger of ink? Answer this, O ye gods! who smile sarcastically at our fate, and chuckle when oppression becomes most irksome, and slavery most acute. Is this your gratitude, O ye purse-proud merchants! to these noble and self-sacrificing men, who have prostituted their energies to enrich your coffers and swell your sales, and whose existence has been swallowed up in ink? No wonder they worship at the shrine of Bacchus, and, by purchasing a transient stimulus, find a temporary elysium and forget their wrongs. O ye poor wrecks of men! ye who have given your lives to the cause of Entry-clerkism, and simply held on to the fringes of existence, whilst those of happier fortune have waxed fat and grown plethoric with riches!—who shall write the history of your unhappy lives, your cramped resources, your attenuated attire, your mutilated hopes, your slaughtered ambition? O Education! to what base uses mayst thou not be prostituted.

WINTER LIGHTNING.

The flash at midnight! t'was a light
That gave the blind a moment's sight,
Then sank in tenfold gloom;
Loud, deep, and long the thunder broke,
The deaf ear instantly awoke,
Then closed as in the tomb.
An angel might have passed my bed,
Sounded the trump of God, and fled.

So life appears: a sudden birth,
A glance revealing heaven and earth,
And it is now!
So fame the poet's hope deceives,
Who sings for after times, and leaves
A name to be forgot.
Life is a lightning-flash of breath,
Fame but a thunder-clap at death.

THE VELVET BAND.

A STORY OF THRILLING INTEREST.

BY ALEXANDRE DUMAS.

CHAPTER XVI.—CONTINUED.

Then the scene all returned to disturb and enrapture his soul. That bounding girl, who had kindled by degrees, operated upon him with irresistible attraction. She had selected as a stage the entire area between the piano and recess, and she looked like an apparition out of hell, sent to enslave him. Whenever she came up to Hoffmann, he darted up from his chair; whenever she retreated in the dance, he felt a loadstone drawing him after her. At last the air suddenly changed beneath his fingers into a waltz.

On her part, Arsene had changed the measure of her step; she began by turning round; then, gradually extending the whirl, she approached the ardent youth. Hoffmann, who panted with desire, felt her come, felt her near approach; he knew she must touch him directly, and that he could not then refrain from rising in his turn, and taking part in that burning waltz. He felt at once both her and desire. At last Arsene, as she passed, extended her hand, and her fingers grazed against him. The youth shouted, and bounded to his feet as if he had felt a shock of electricity; he darted after the dancer, joined her, twined his arms about her, and continuing to turn, the air he had interrupted, pressed to his bosom that body which had recovered all its suppleness; drinking from her eyes, breathing in her breath, devouring with greedy looks her neck, her shoulders, her arms; turning and revolving in an atmosphere of flame, the two voluptuous waltzers kept twirling and twirling, till, madder and madder, panting and fainting with delirious joy, they sank together on the expecting couch.

When Hoffmann awoke the next day, the weather was dull and bleak, and the curtainless window let in the gloom upon the bed. He looked around him, not remembering where he was, and felt his head resting upon his left arm. He leaned over, and saw, lying by his side, instead of the lovely opera-dancer, the pale-faced girl he had met at the foot of the guillotine.

He withdrew his cold, stiffening arm from beneath the body, and, perceiving that it did not move, he snatched up a candelabrum, containing five wax tapers still burning, and, assisted by this light, discovered that Arsene was stiff, motionless, pale, and with her eyes shut.

First he thought that she was fatigued by the dance, and had only fainted. So he took her hand, but that hand was frozen; he felt for the beating of her heart, but that heart beat no more.

Then a horrible thought rushed through his mind; he snatched the bell-pull, but it broke in his hands; he then ran to the door, opened it, and cried out from the head of the stairs:

"Help! help!"

A little man in black was just then coming up. He looked up at Hoffmann, who knew him again as the physician to the opera.

"Ah! is it you, my dear sir?" said the doctor, recognizing Hoffmann at the same time; "what's the matter, then?"

"Oh! come, come!" said Hoffmann, not waiting to tell the doctor what he wanted him for, and expecting that the sight of the lifeless Arsene would go farther with the doctor than all his words; "come!"

Then he dragged him into the room. Afterward he pushed him with one hand toward the bed, while with the other he held the candelabrum above the girl's face.

"There, behold!" said he.

But, far from being astonished, the leech replied:

"Ah! this is right, young man, on your part, to have bought this body, and not to suffer it to rot in the common pit. Very well! young man, very well!"

"This body," muttered Hoffmann; "bought—the common pit—what can you mean? my God!"

"I say that our poor Arsene, having been arrested yesterday at eight in the morning, was convicted by Fouquier Tinville at two in the afternoon, and executed at four o'clock."

Hoffmann thought he was going mad; he seized the doctor by the throat.

"Executed yesterday at four o'clock!" he exclaimed—"Arsene executed!"

At which he laughed aloud, but in so wild a strain that the doctor looked at him with eyes bewildered.

"Do you doubt it, then?" he asked.

"What!" cried Hoffmann, "do I doubt it, say you? I think I have some reason to doubt it. I supped with her last night, waltzed with her, slept with her. What you assert, doctor, is impossible!"

"Ah! you say it is impossible," resumed the doctor; "you tell me so—I, the physician of the prisons; I who did my best to save her, but in vain; I who bade her farewell at the side of the tumbril. You say it is impossible, do you? Stop, look here."

Thereupon the physician put forth his arm, pressed upon the diamond spring which fastened the velvet band, and drew the velvet toward him.

Oh! the yell, the terrific yell, that Hoffmann gave out! For then, no longer sustained by the only ligature that held it on the shoulders, the head of the guillotined girl rolled off from the bed down upon and along the floor, until it was stopped by Hoffmann's foot.

The youth leaped back aghast and bewildered, and darted like a maniac down the stairs, howling as he went:

"I am a madman!"

CHAPTER XVII.

THE FATE OF ANTONIA.

Hoffmann's exclamation was rational enough; the slender partition which divides imagination from insanity sometimes appears on the point of bursting open, and he felt at that moment that it was cracking in his head like a crumbling wall.

But that was a time when people could not long run about the streets of Paris without assigning a reason for doing so. The worthy Parisians had become rather inquisitive in the good year 1793; and whenever a man was met running along, they used to stop him to inquire whom he was in pursuit of, or for what reason he fled.

So they stopped the young student opposite the Church of Assumption, which had been turned into a *corps-de-garde* (guard-house), and took him before the officer on duty.

There he began to understand the real danger he was in. Some took him for an aristocrat who was hastening off to the frontier; others cried out, "He is an agent of Pitt and Coburg!" others exclaimed "To the lamp-post with him!" which was no joke; others were for carrying him before the revolutionary tribunal, which was equally serious. A man might sometimes return from the lamp-post, like the Abbe Maury; but who ever returned from the revolutionary tribunal?

Then Hoffmann attempted to explain what had happened to him since the night before. He spoke of the gaming-table and his winnings. How, with his pockets full of gold, he had run to the Rue de Hanovre; how the lady he wanted had left it; how, under the influence of the passion that had subdued him, he had run about the streets looking for her; how, when crossing the Place of Revolution, he had found the young ballet-girl at the foot of the guillotine; how she had afterward conducted him to a hotel in the Rue Honore; and how, after a night of every species of riotous indulgence, he had discovered his bed-fellow to be not only a dead body, but a headless corpse!

All this was very unlikely—consequently Hoffmann's narrative obtained but little credit; the lovers of truth said it was a lie, the more indulgent said he was insane. Meanwhile one of the bystanders opened upon him with this sagacious advice:

"You say you have passed the night at a hotel in the Rue Honore?"

"Yes, citizen."

"And there you emptied your pockets full of gold upon a table?"

"Yes, citizen."

"You supped there, and slept there with the woman whose head, having rolled along the floor against your feet, occasioned you the terrible fright we saw you a prey to when we arrested your course?"

"Yes, citizen."

"Well! let us go and look for the hotel; we may not find the gold, but we shall find the woman."

"Yes," cried the people, "let us go, let us go to the hotel."

Hoffmann would have been glad to decline the search; but he must needs obey the potent authority of the crowd around him. He therefore left the church, and pursued his way through the Rue Honore, looking hard for the hotel.

The distance was short from the Church of Assumption to the Rue Royale. But yet it was useless for Hoffmann to look about, with attentive resolution; he could not find the house, not the least sign could he discover of that fine hotel where he had spent the night. Like one of those fairy palaces which vanish the moment the machinist has done with them, the hotel had disappeared after the funereal scene we have recently described had been played.

But this was not the concern of the cockneys who had accompanied the youth, and who were determined not to be put off with anything short of a fair solution to their curoisity. Now, this solution could be nothing less than Arsene's body or Hoffmann's arrest as a suspected character.

But as the dead body of Arsene was not discovered, they were eagerly disposed to arrest Hoffmann, when suddenly the young student perceived the little man in black, and called out to him to come to his assistance, invoking his testimony as to the truth of what he had just been relating.

A physician is always a great authority to a crowd of people. The little man told them his calling, and went up to Hoffmann.

"Poor young man," said he, taking hold of his hand, on pretense of feeling his pulse, but really to intimate, by a private squeeze, that he was not to contradict him—"poor young man! So, then, he has escaped from the house!"

"Escaped from what place? Out of whose pocket, means or security presented by the doctor's ready wit, and which he looked upon as humiliating.

"Zounds!" replied the physician, "from the asylum, to be sure!"

"From the asylum!" exclaimed the same voices; "from what asylum?"

"From the lunatic asylum."

"Come, doctor, doctor!" cried Hoffmann, "none of your jokes."

"Poor wretch!" returned the doctor, not seeming to heed the youth, "poor wretch! he must have lost by the guillotine some woman whom he loved."

"Oh! yes, yes," said Hoffmann; "I did indeed love her, but not, however, as I loved Antonia."

"Poor lad!" said several women who were present, and now began to pity Hoffmann.

"Yes; ever since that event," continued the doctor, "he has been a prey to a dreadful hallucination of mind; he thinks he is gambling; he thinks he has won money in large sums. When he has played and won, he thinks he is about to possess his beloved; then, with his fancied gold, he runs about the streets; then he meets a woman sitting on the steps below the scaffold; after that he conducts her to some splendid hotel or magnificent palace, where he passes the night in revelry and music; and lastly, he finds her a dead corpse. Is not this the story he has told you?"

"Yes, yes," cried the throng, "that's it—word for word."

"Well! well!" said Hoffmann, with flashing eyes, "can you deny the truth of it, doctor—you who opened the clasp of diamonds which fastened the velvet band? Oh! I ought to have suspected something, when I saw the champagne ooze out beneath the band; when I saw the burning brand roll against the naked foot, and her naked foot, instead of being burned by the brand, extinguish it."

"There, you see how it is with him," said the doctor with compassionate looks and a voice of lamentation: "his fit is returning."

"How, my fit!" exclaimed Hoffmann; "what, dare you assert it is untrue? Dare you assert that I did not spend the night with Arsene, who was guillotined yesterday? Dare you assert that it was not her velvet band alone that retained her head to her shoulders? Dare you assert that, when you loosened the clasp and removed the band, her head did not tumble on to the floor? Come, come, doctor, you know full well what I tell you is true."

"My friends," said the doctor, "you must now be fully satisfied, I think."

"Yes, yes," shouted a hundred tongues at once.

"Well, then," said the doctor, "call a coach for us, that I may carry him back to his friends."

"Where, where?" cried Hoffmann. "Where would you take me?"

"Where?" said the doctor; "to the lunatic asylum, whence you have managed to escape, my good lad."

Then lowering his voice, and speaking apart:

"Be still, you silly fool, and leave it to me," said the doctor, "or I cannot answer for your safety. These people will suspect they have been fooled, and will tear you to pieces."

Hoffmann let fall his arms with a deep sigh.

"There, you see," said the doctor, "now he is become as mild as a lamb. The crisis is over. There, my lad, there."

Here the doctor seemed to be soothing Hoffmann with his hand, as we are accustomed to quiet an angry horse or a furious dog. Meanwhile a hackney coach had been brought close up.

"Get in directly," said the doctor to the youth.

Hoffmann obeyed: all his strength had been spent in this struggle.

"To Bicetre!" said the doctor aloud, as he got in after Hoffmann.

Then whispering to the youth:

"Where shall I let you get out?" he inquired.

"At the Palais Egalite," stammered Hoffmann.

"Move on, coachman!" cried the doctor; and he saluted the crowd as he was driven off.

"Long live the doctor!" cried the people.

The multitude, when moved by any passion, no matter what it is, good or bad, must cry out "long live," or "down with," somebody. A hero or a quack, it is all the same to them.

The coach stopped accordingly at the Palais Egalite.

"Farewell, young man," said the doctor to the young student; "and if you will be guided by me, go back to Germany as soon as possible. France is no country just now for men with such warm imaginations as yours."

So saying, he pushed Hoffmann out of the vehicle; and so bewildered was the poor lad by all that had lately occurred to him, that he would have run straight up against a cart which was driving by, had not a young man then passing caught him round the waist in time to extricate him.

The two young men exclaimed at the same moment:

"Hoffmann!"

"Werner!"

After which, observing the torpid spirits of his friend, Werner dragged him away into the garden of the Palais Royale. Then the thought of all that had happened returned more vividly to his recollection, and Hoffmann remembered he had left Antonia's medallion in pawn at the German money-changer's.

At first his heart sank as he remembered he had emptied out all his pockets on the table the night before. But the next moment he recollected he had set aside three louis, which he had secured in his watch-fob.

The three gold pieces were still there. He shook

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

☞ Letters seeking information required to only through the Clipper must enclose stamp for answers by mail.

E. D. F., New Orleans.—1. A good figure, voice and pleasing appearance. 2. By "commencing at the beginning," you obtain a more thorough knowledge of stage business, and by constant practice you acquire ease before attempting important characters. As a general thing, blondes do not possess as much tragic power as brunettes. Rachel was of the latter. 3. They will add you materially. The more talent and reputation they possess, the greater is the demand for their services. 4. About $20 a week for utility. 5. Stars are too much occupied with their own business to give instruction. 6. Actual experience is the best teacher. 7. It would be difficult to predict your success or failure by such means.

CLIPPER, St. Louis.—1. The actors who arrived in this city during the month of August, 1869, were the Gaiety Company, from England, John Eunan, Lisa Weber, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence, Lester Wallack, William Holston, Louis H. De Vere, Henri Drayton; John Brounsham and Harry Jackson, from San Francisco, Cal.; and Alice Placide from New Orleans. The majority of professional people arrive much earlier. 2. We have heard of no such plan.

KNOW SOMETHING.—1. Patrick Henry, we believe. 2. We have no reliable record of the separate white and black vote in the last Presidential election, but the total of Grant's majority over Greeley was 762,991. 3. The word is pronounced ang-sainz. 4. You can recover the amount of the bill from the estate. 5. A check is a valid claim, and can be recovered the same as a note. 6. "Aint" is a vulgar abbreviation of am not.

J. G., Bangor.—When a horse is left out of a pool on account of his supposed non-appearance, and then the owner is fined to the remaining horses, the next best horse, in the event of the excluded horse winning the race, takes the pools. In the case you mention the horse left out was withdrawn. White Stocking ran in the pools and won with out him. Lightfoot having no claim whatever to the pool money, as he came in second.

Dandelion, Philadelphia.—1. Neither of the yachts mentioned took part in the race alluded to, which was between the Henrietta, Vesta and Fleetwing, the first named winning. 2. Yes; the English yacht Cambria defeated the American yacht Dauntless in a race from Daunt's Rock, on the Irish coast, to Sandy Hook lightship in July, 1870.

INQUIRER.—Mr. Young informed us, in regard to Donnelly's case, that he told Him to get all the practice he could in scrub nines when the Washingtons did not play, and it was in one of these "matches"—so-called—he played on the day in question, when it was claimed that he had violated the rule by playing in another club.

PAT.—In 1868, Hadfield, at Cincinnati, threw a baseball one hundred and thirty-two yards, measured by Harry Wright. In 1872, weather permitting, Mr. Conkling threw a baseball one hundred and thirty-three yards one foot seven and a half inches. This is the longest throw on record.

P. B. G., Valley Falls.—The fastest times on record in walking and running one mile, by a pedestrian, level ground, are as follow: Walking, 6m. 30s.; Edward Hutchwell, London, Eng., last May; running, 4min. 17¼secs., by W. Lang and W. Richards, dead heat, Manchester, Eng.

S. I. S. C., Staten Island.—John Howard cleared 29 feet 7 inches in a running jump at Chester, Eng. He did not jump from a springboard, but from a firm block of wood, two feet in length, wedge-shaped and raised four inches in front.

PLUG UGLY.—1. Entirely a matter of opinion, each excelling in some points. 2. Mat Costello, near Edinburgh, Scotland, March 10, 1851.

G. A. SMITH, Colchester.—The man who first breasted the tape was Hall. He had a right to claim the first place, unless the starter declared it "no start."

C. C., Columbus.—J. J. McCloskey, Fred. G. Macfer or Charles Gayler, who can be addressed in care of THE CLIPPER office.

J. B. R.—There was no error. Our reporter sat through the representation from the beginning to end, and the plot and incidents were as familiar to him as a twice-told tale.

O. B. B., Denver.—The Astor-place riot occurred on May 7, 1849, and was continued on the 10th. The party named was concerned in it.

P. M. A.—He can make any movement he likes in taking steps to deliver the ball to the bat, provided he makes his movements within the lines set out for the pitcher.

F., Chicago.—1. If your partner assists, you cannot play alone. In legitimate euchre, there is no such card as the joker.

I. J. C., Trenton.—The player who made the two points he gave, and only wanting one to go out, wins with his high, low and long (low being dead).

O. W., Penargil.—The fastest mile (trotting time is 2:16¾, made by Goldsmith Maid and Occident. No answers by mail.

A. T. McG., Baltimore.—Thank you for the extracts. Will look up the bill, and, if of sufficient interest, give it a place.

SUBSCRIBER, Susanville.—It could not increase his antagonist's ability by combining a card on the board with one from his own hand.

C. H. SEAM, Philadelphia.—1. Money received, but we have no copy for the advertisement. 2. A "letter writer" would give you that information.

J. C., North Adams.—It is possible that Shannon, Miller & Crane may be able to give you some information on the subject. See their advertisement in this issue.

CAPT. JACK, Boston.—Unfair you certainly are literally, our opinion is that the party betting that the other had one hundred cents in his pocket, loses.

KANSAS CITY.—1. New York has one fire department. 2. It is a matter of opinion, although Cincinnati is by many thought to be the best. 3. We cannot decide.

J. H. P., Windsor.—1. The dressed hog would go upon the light-red spot. 2. Susie's best time is 2:25. 3. He did not.

MONEY OF THE SCREW.—Goldsmith Maid and Occident have each trotted in 2:16¾, and consequently both have made the fastest time on record.

MR. O'GILL, Wheeling.—1. Tom Bowling's two-mile time is not the fastest on record. 2. No. 3. The balls are to be taken up and spotted.

HELIAY, Detroit.—1. A dead saugh. You cannot deprive O'Neil his right to the bed. 2. Three-handed cassino is counted the same as two-handed.

O. M., Taunton.—There are no rules for railroad euchre, and if any play it you must make your own regulations for governing disputes that may arise.

F. H., Chicago.—We issue but one edition, which goes to press Friday night. Letters of inquiry addressed to a letter advertised to be in care of THE CLIPPER will be advertised.

W. H. R., Washington.—The referee could order a second match, if he judged proper, and bets must be governed by his final decision.

R. P. CO. PERSONAL, Rochester.—"Max the Merry Swiss Boy" is a play, has never been printed, is the sole private property of J. K. Emmet, and not for sale.

ALTHABET, West Troy.—1. It was so alleged, but we think without any truth. 2. Two miles and a quarter. 3. No.

SWEAD THE SAILOR, Philadelphia.—Had you read THE CLIPPER attentively you would have known the route of that company some weeks ago.

G. G. McL., Ottawa.—There is such a composition employed by builders, but we do not know where it can be obtained.

W., Treasure City.—1. His limit is $250. 2. He fought and beat McCool for the championship. 3. In this city.

MARINE, Plainfield.—They are appointed by the Secretary of the Navy. 2. From 16 years upwards. 3. Yes.

GIFF, Baltimore.—Send 24c., and we will forward you the Rainbows by return of mail.

A. L., Toronto.—One of your stationers may be able to furnish them for you. We are not in that line.

C. A. N., Lynchburg.—Who knows that his hat was smaller than B's, loses, because it was not smaller.

FRANK.—Write to Shannon, Miller & Crane, as per their advertisement in this issue.

F. E. P., Weir, Tauton.—Neither of the plays you mention is in print.

RAMBLER, Buffalo.—In fifteen-ball pool it is permissible to use the bridge.

UNDER HALL, Boston.—The bet was decided when pool was declared off.

R. W. C., Foxboro.—We never issue cards to traveling correspondents.

CAL. B. P. B., Nashua.—Write to T. J. Harbach, Philadelphia, as per his advertisement in this issue.

J. W. R., Rome.—California is the only State in which coursing meetings are held, and even there not regularly.

C. EDELEEN.—The advertisement is on the first column of the eighth page of our last issue.

BROOKLYN.—About two years. Yes; on "Camp Washington" field, Tompkinsville, Staten Island.

M. L., 684, Lodi.—Goldsmith Maid's fastest time was made on the Mystic Park Course, Boston.

BANNER.—The Brooklyns nine is gone up. Ferguson is going to play in the Baltimore Club in 1874.

UMPIRE.—The first ball to be delivered to the bat cannot be called.

TWO EXAMINERS.—A wins. B ought not to have bet when he knew there was a possibility of the result being known.

S. J. C., Providence, R. I.—B is entitled to a run of the bases.

R. W. W., Saratoga Springs.—Harry Bassett was the Saratoga Cup in 3:39, the fastest time on record.

HARRISON, Yorkville.—1 is entitled to a sequence of three points, and one for the game.

W. K. R., St. Louis.—1. D has no voice in the matter. 2. The jack is secured.

BOZ, New Haven.—Our opinion is that *The New York Sun* has the largest daily circulation.

W. H. P., North Adams.—The highest run at billiards is 492 without the push, and 1,83 with it.

J. R. E., Fort Whipple.—It was stated on the paper sent that all of the numbers you wanted were out of print.

HARRISBURG, Penn.—Write to Appleton & Co., publishers, of this city, for their catalogue.

OLD READER, Monroe.—We are under the impression that the French play bears the same title.

J. B., Elmira.—We cannot say. A letter addressed to him is care of this office should reach him.

PROTEST.—He was not knocked out of time, but was very near being so.

W. AND M. A.—Prof. Donaldson went up alone the first time.

HOW AGAIN, Troy.—Tom fought one more prize battle than Mace, the record standing 19 and 18.

JACK, Indiana.—Tom King's height is 6ft. 1¾in., and he fought at 154lb.; Ed. Price, 6ft. 93/4in., 150lb.

T. C., Medford.—He gains a record by winning the heat, even if distanced afterwards in the race.

THE CLIPPER Annual.—1 and 2. See City Summary of present issue. 2. There is none published.

M. J. J.—First performed in America. 2. He is certainly worth training, and gives high promise of making a trotter. 3. Yes. 4. Pier 20.—1. He is acting in London, Eng. 2. Divorced, but has not married again. 3. At Stamford, Ct.

O. D. A., Catskill.—Orchestra, Seventh Regiment Band, of this city, 100 pieces, is so considered by many.

FAIR.—The article is not known here among sportsmen.

B. B. G., Brooklyn.—The rider retains hold with his knees.

C. E. B., Chedanait.—The Goddess of Liberty is the head.

FOREIGNER.—You are entitled to a vote if you register.

J. O. H., Kokomo.—Thanks; but we do not require it.

J. W. F., Boston.—We are unable to decide the point.

C. S.—The money on the six wins, and must be paid.

J. S., Lebanon.—Will endeavor to answer next week.

BILLY BOYLE.—1. No; he never did. 2. Cannot say.

H. J. S., Elmira.—The letter is still in our care.

C. J. R., Taunton.—See answer to F., Chicago.

H. B., Philadelphia.—$1.80 for four insertions.

MILES O'RILEY, Louisville.—The bet is drawn.

G. L. B., P. Bladelphia.—It will be published.

C. O. H., Lancaster.—We do not require one.

S. K. AND G. L.—He was born in Troy, N. Y.

JESRICK, North Adams.—The bet is a draw.

SUNSCRIBER, Cincinnati.—We cannot say.

MAGGIE, Louisville.—The bet is drawn.

W. H. T., Trasville.—We cannot decide.

H. S. D.—We have not yet seen him.

J. B. G., New Orleans.—All right.

J. H.—H wins 5 games and C 3.

LEO.—Will answer next week.

READER.—Alice Merritt.

A FEW REMARKS.

The baseball season is nearly at an end for the year 1873. It has developed some very good play, some very bad play, and considerable roguery and cheating, we are sorry to say. The season opened with the promise of an unusually well-contested series of games, and it was supposed that honesty would be the better policy; but the result has not borne out these cheerful anticipations. Carelessness, duplicity and downright intentional misplays have been numerous, and large sums have been lost and won through the plots and schemes of parties, some of whom were believed to be reliable and trustworthy. By some sort of tacit understanding between conniving players and betters, games were thrown when there was not a shadow of reason for such defeats; and those who were *not* in the ring, but who wagered their money on their own judgment and observation, were ruthlessly despoiled of their filthy lucre through the cunningly devised little arrangements of "buyers and sellers." So palpably willful were some "errors," that men have openly charged the derelict players with selling themselves and their friends. The parties are well known, and though it may be difficult to bring direct evidence to bear against them, yet sufficient has been seen, sufficient is known, to warrant their being shunned in the future. If clubs engage their services for next season, they do it with their eyes open, and with a knowledge of the many suspicious circumstances which have attended their operations during the season shortly to close. The only way to protect our national game from the machinations of dishonest players is for clubs to refuse to have anything to do with them. What interest can a game possess for a spectator when it is known that unreliable and dishonest men are engaged in the contest? Of what avail is it if one club dismisses, and another engages them? They are still there, ever ready to do their dirty work for money considerations, and ever a detriment to the best interests of the games. See how the attendance has fallen off. It has been a rare thing, the latter part of the season, to gather a thousand spectators at a first-class match. Why is this? People have lost confidence, have lost all interest in the pastime, and prefer to absent themselves until such time as confidence shall have been restored by an earnest endeavor on the part of clubs to remedy the errors of the past. There is no other outdoor play so fascinating to a spectator as a well-contested game of baseball; but when the integrity of the game is made subservient to the selfish interests of dishonest players, and the contest is not lost and won on the merits of the players, then the game sinks into the slough of filth, and the patron of the once interesting sport retires from the scene in disgust. Shall we have a reformation in this matter, or shall the game dwindle into insignificance and contumely?

THAT "MYSTIC TEMPLE."—It is really astonishing how great poets' ideas meander through the same channels, and how they innocently indite the same poems, using the same language, etc. At last advices, as noted in THE CLIPPER of Oct. 18, there were but two claimants for the authorship of "The Mystic Temple." Below we publish a communication which traces the poem to more ancient parties, and shows that the two Southern gentlemen are altogether out of the race. This thing is becoming interesting, and rivals "Beautiful Snow," concerning which we find in *The Waterford Mail*, of Oct. 8, a farewell ode dedicated to "Miss Annie Keely, the authoress of 'Beautiful Snow,' previous to her departure for New York to fulfill a literary engagement." But read what our Utica correspondent has to say about our "Mystic Temple"-ers:

UTICA, Oct. 15, 1873.

EDITOR NEW YORK CLIPPER.—In the last number of your paper you mention the fact that there are two claimants to a poem published in a late number of your paper, entitled "The Mystic Temple." I have at the time of its publication Longfellow wrote one very similar to it, and each of the poets accused the other of fleshing the idea from himself; but it is very probable that both of them stole it from the German port Uhland's poem, "The Castle by the Sea," and his poem is said to be a translation of one of the Old French ballads.

Respectfully, WM. HARRISON.

AT CORNELL COLLEGE, a student named Leggett was killed a few days since while being initiated into a secret order by his fellow-students who had been put through before. These collegiate gentlemen, as part of their initiation ceremonies, took their blindfolded victim to the edge of a precipice, over which he fell, or was pushed, and his death was the result. The "conspirators" were about to leg it when an obliging coroner and his jury—in view of the high standing of the parties, probably—returned a verdict of accidental death. So students hereafter entering that college ought to get their lives insured.

AT THE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE held in this city, the ladies exhibited a very hostile front, and abused the opposite sex in unmeasured terms. "Our Jim" is highly indignant because Elizabeth Cady had her fling at the boys, and, as *he* alleges, abused them shamefully. This Cady denies, but Jim insists that Cady did.

HOWARD PAUL, the English Entertainment giver, in wholesome terror of the roughness of railway baggage-men, has painted on the top of each of his numerous trunks this quotation from Hood:

"Take it up tenderly,
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WE ARE TOLD—and we guess it's true—that sixteen thousand of Miss Alcott's "Little Women" have been sold in England. Without bringing in the slavery question, isn't Miss Alcott rather prolific for one so young?

THE QUINCE CROP is said to be a failure this year. In consequence of the financial panic, no doubt.

NEWS OF THE WEEK BOILED DOWN.

. Principal fires of the week: Oct. 12—In Watertown, Mass., three horses, two carriages and a greenhouse, the property of Samuel Barnard; loss, $6 000; insurance, $3,000. In East Lee, Mass., John Bettomley's paper mill and entire contents; loss, $50,000; insurance, $30,000. Oct. 12—At Godfstown, N. H., Daniel M. Taggert's stables, together with seven fine blooded horses, one Ned Hastings, valued at $12,000; loss, about $30,000; insurance, $8,000. In Pepperell, Mass., a double house and barn filled with cereals; loss, $8,000; insured for one-half. In Germantown, Pa., Hughes' planing mill and Morey's woolen mill; loss, $17,000; partially insured. In Bristol, Connecticut, N. H., the freight depot of the Concord Railroad; loss unannounced. In Auburn, N. Y., the carriage manufactory of Kinsch Brothers & Co., and the planing mill of Smith & Vickers; loss, $15,000. In Nebraska, a prairie fire sweeping over twenty five miles of country, and burning seven persons to death. In Milford, N. H., the telegraph office, railroad station, a lumber yard, five houses and nine barns; loss, at least $50,000. In Boston, Mass., five passenger cars and the car-house of the Boston Railroad; estimated loss, $54,000; the E. R. Co. insures its own stock. Oct. 13—In Chicago, Ill., the planing mills of Bond & Somerand Hall & Robinson; loss, $30,000; insurance, $18,000. In Dallas, Texas, nearly a block of business houses; loss, between $80,000 and $90,000. In Bath, Me., the dwelling house of Mrs. Maurice McDonald; loss, unknown; insurance, $1,200. In St. Louis, Mo., the tobacco store of D. Dillenberg & Co.; loss, $15,000; insurance, $3,000. In Evanston, Ill., Hudson's block; loss, $25,000; partially insured. Oct. 15—In Minneapolis, Minn., the American Hotel; Cyrus Grey, one of the guests, was burned to death. In Blackstone, Mass., six dwelling houses, a barn, and the factory of the Woonsocket Baking Company; loss, $25,000; insurance, trifling. Oct. 17—In New Orleans, La., the store of J. N. Lowenthal; loss, $10,000; insurance, $5,000. In Hempstead, L. I., the petroleum street; loss $10,000. Isaac Lauderman has been arrested as the incendiary. In Brooklyn, N. Y., the sash and blind factory and planing mill of Kenyon & Newson, and a half dozen adjacent dwelling houses; loss, $150,000; insurance but slight; at least two hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment. In Portland, Adverkie Castle, a former residence of the Duke of Abercorn; many works of art were lost. Oct. 18—In Toledo, O., a shanty; a man named Kelly and his wife and their grandchild being burned to death. In this city, the hay-storage house of Messrs. Hawkes, Camp & Co., Thirteenth avenue and Sixteenth street; loss, $72,000; insurance, uncertain; one man killed and two dangerously injured. Oct. 19—In Cincinna t, O., Carpenter, Hamilton & Co.'s distillery; loss, $87,000; insurance, $35,000. In Louisville, Ky., the store of James Todd & Co., No. 107 Main street; loss, $30,000; insurance, $55,000. In Madison, Wis., the old Madison flouring mills, Rodermund's brewery, and the city bridge over Catfish Creek; loss, $100,000; insurance, $50,000.

. Leading features of railroading for the week: Oct. 12—San Francisco express on N. J. Central attempted to squeeze through a coal train; three persons seriously maimed, and a number of others more or less injured. In Virginia, collision on Chesapeake and Ohio; damage, over $15,000; no lives lost. Oct. 13—Fatal train collision on the Camden and Amboy; a fireman killed, and an engineer badly hurt. Oct. 16—In Baltimore, Md., collision of two construction trains on the Baltimore Railroad; one colored laborer killed, and two others seriously injured. In Illinois, a stock train on the Chicago and Alton Railroad ran off a wash-out near Normal, injuring five men, two of them severely, and killing twenty head of cattle.

. On Oct. 25, while a party of boys were firing pistols at a wall of boards on the corner of Centre and Worth street, this city, John Fitzgerald, a private watchman, was seen to fall. In passing down Worth street he had unconsciously placed his person between the firing party and their target, and was picked up dead, a ball having entered his neck. Henry Inscet, aged 12, was at once arrested upon suspicion of having fired the fatal shot.

. The trial of Edward S. Stokes will probably have progressed sufficiently by the 22d inst. for the case to be submitted to the jury. The argument thus far advanced in behalf of the prisoner, whose witnesses now occupy the stand, is that, while Stokes shot Fisk in self-defense he did no more of killing him, and probably did not kill him—the theory being, as upon prior trials, that the doctors killed him.

. William Wheeler, a peaceful scamp residing in Newark, N. J., telegraphed his own death to his parents, who reside in Colchester, Ct., whereupon the grief-stricken couple, who are both upwards of eighty years of age, and extremely feeble, came on to Newark on the 14th inst., before means were made all arrangements for their son's funeral.

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. The dead body of William Martin, a young man who had been intimate with one Mary Riley, was found in Honiton, Eng., on Oct. 18, in a pool of water. A bullet passed through the dead man's head. Mary Riley and her father were arrested on suspicion.

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PATAPSCO NAVY REGATTA.

The regular Fall regatta of the Patapsco Navy, composed of the Undine, L'Hirondelle and Ariel rowing clubs, transpired off Ferry Bar, Baltimore, Md., on the afternoon of Oct. 15, and was a brilliant success. It was a bright, warm, delightful day, and the water was as smooth as glass. The spectators numbered about six or seven thousand, representing in the main the aristocracy and beauty of the Monumental City, with fair deputations from Washington, Philadelphia and other cities. The course is on the Patapsco River, beginning near Winans' Wharf, to a point near the shore of Anne Arundel County, less than three miles. It is perfectly straight, with no tides or currents to interfere. The judges were Mr. Wm. Young for the Ariel and L'Hirondelle, and Archibald Coulter for the Undine, Mr. Otho Williams being ref-ree.

THE FIRST RACE

was between the six-oared gig, the Lotus of the Undine, a wood compromise gig, with sliding seats; the Ione of L'Hirondelle, wood lapstreak gig, stationary seats, the Coquette of the Ariel, a wood compromise gig, sliding seats. All of these boats were built by C. R. Elliott of Greenpoint, L. I. L'Hirondelle rowed in a gig, and were allowed a handicap of forty seconds. The crews were as follows:

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The Undine six were the favorites at the start, and showing to decidedly the best advantage physically. The start was given at 4 30 P. M., the Undines being inside, the L'Hirondelle middle, and the Ariels outside. The latter took the lead, but the slow, strong and steady stroke of the Undines soon began to tell and put them ahead, and when near Winans' cigar steamer the L'Hirondelles also outstripped the Ariels. The latter two, however, soon again changed positions, and when rounding the stake the Undines made a fine spurt, increasing the gap between them and the others, the Ariels following, L'Hirondelles third. On the homestretch the Ariels made a magnificent effort for the lead, getting nearly even with the Undines, but the latter again spurted and drew steadily ahead, rounding the starting stake 28 seconds before the Ariels, the latter coming in 22 seconds before the L'Hirondelles. The time made by the Undines was 20 18. The second position was awarded to the L'Hirondelles, who, having a handicap of forty seconds, beat the Ariels by three seconds. At the conclusion of the first race the Undine six were presented with the prize, a handsome light blue silk flag, trimmed with gold bullion fringe.

THE SECOND RACE

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L'Hirondelle—F. W. Theobold, bow, 134lb; T. F. Sigourney, 143lb; P. K. Reeve, 140lb; J. H. Ferguson, Jr., stroke, 142lb. Total weight, 560lb.

Ariel—Wm. Owen, bow, 141lb; E. M. Greenway, 135lb; D. S. Fitzgerald, 142lb; Wm. Gilmor, stroke, 141lb. Total weight, 559lb.

The result of this race was a surprise to all, for on account of the supposed great strength of the Undine crew, and the fear of their winning either them by the veteran Watts, a victory was generally conceded them at the start. In the thing in a nutshell is, that whilst the capacity of the Undines was known, that of the Ariel was not, this crew having improved wonderfully since the trial trip, and the training of the experienced George Faulkner of Boston. The start was given at 5:15, Undine inside, L'Hirondelle middle, Ariel outside. For the first mile the three boats kept nearly even. Opposite the boat house the Undine spurted and drew steadily ahead, L'Hirondelles second, Ariels third. The latter, however, and at the turning stake shot a length ahead of L'Hirondelles and Undines, who were about even. They continued to gain, and on nearing home the Undines were about a length behind the L'Hirondelles, but by hard work soon got ahead of the latter. As the boats approached the homestake the excitement was intense, and the struggle for victory was determined, finally terminating in a triumph for the Ariels. Time, 18:58s. The Undine were 55 seconds beyond the Ariels, and three before the L'Hirondelles. The latter were somewhat unfortunate, being accidentally fouled at the start by the Undines, splintering a strip half an inch wide from Ferguson's oar, and on the return stretch Reese slipped his seat. Though spirited and well manned by the crew, as all agree, they hadn't done better in practice, and would have done better in the race but for the swell caused by the numerous steamers and tugs. At the conclusion of the second race four elegant silver cups, presented by the Undine Club, were presented to the winning crew by the presentation being made by Stewart Brown president of the Undine Club. Several speeches were made, and the best of good feeling prevailed. Boating on the Patapsco is progressing finely, and Baltimore now has three clubs which rank second to few in the land in the strength of their crews, the value of their boats, and the character of their membership.

ARGONAUTA vs. NEPTUNE.

The annual four-oared shell race between the Argonauta Rowing Association of Rocky Point, N. J., and the Neptunes of Wyckoff Brighton, L. I., for the championship of the Kill von Kull, N. J., on Oct. 18. The weather was fair from forenoon, and the water was smooth, indicating that a postponement would be necessitated by rain or the stiff breeze from the south, and consequent lumpy water. Notwithstanding the unpromising state of affairs, however, the half-dozen steamers which had been engaged by the contesting clubs and other parties to accompany the racers were well laden with ladies and gentlemen when they left for the scene of the struggle. Fortunately the threatening deluge from the dense masses of clouds above was not visited upon the heads of the venturesome excursionists, and the wind, which blew from three to four miles per hour in the lower portion of the bay, failed to affect the water being in tolerable condition for racing at the time fixed for the start, half an hour later. The fleet of steamers embarked at the Battery, the latter chartered by the Argonautas, Josephine crowded with members of the Neptune and their guests, J. Birbeck, Don Juan, Chief, Thomas Hunt and A. S. Nickerson, the last-named being the accountant on board, and the representatives of the press. This was the fourth race between these clubs, the first and second being won by the Staten Islanders, and the third by the Argonautas, the latter the last year, when they had a much better racing crew than formerly. Considerable interest was taken in this year's struggle, for which the Argonautas, fresh from their recent triumph on the Delaware, were strong favorites, and as their brother amateurs of this vicinity were particularly interested representatives were present from nearly all the local clubs. The handsome house of the Argonautas, located upon the banks of the Kills at Bergen Point, immediately in front of the La Tourette House, was thronged with ladies and gentlemen while many were viewed from the verandah of the hotel. The breaking of the Argonautas' rudder lines, while endeavoring to tack up to the starting line in the face of a light and baffling breeze, caused considerable delay, and it was close upon five o'clock when the competing crews were aligned. The course was straight away from the cow buoy off New Brighton to a stakeboat anchored opposite the fight-house in Newark Bay—something short of three miles in length. The crews were as follows:

Argonauta—Edward Smith, bow, 24 years old, 5ft 9in, 143lb. Walter Man, 22 yrs, 5ft 7in., 145lb; Benj Stephenson, 23 yrs., 5ft 10in., 150lb; Fred C Eldred, stroke, 24 yrs., 5ft 9in., 150lb. Total weight, 587lb; average, 146¾lb. Boat, Fatty Chatt, built by George Roahr, 41ft. long, 17½ in. wide, 8in. deep, 95lb. wooden, and fitted with sliding seats. Oars—length, 12ft. 3in.; weight, 7¼lb each. F. Appleton—Ft. Hamilton Rowing Club, weight, 155¾lb. N. F. Barrett, 150¾lb. C. A DeKay, stroke, 157½lb. Total weight, 632½lb; average, 158.

Commodore H. P. Brady officiated as referee and starter, and sent them away nicely together, each crew being greeted with cries by their numerous friends as they beat to their work, and soon the delicate boats fairly flew through the now smooth water. For about one hundred yards neither gained any perceptible advantage, but now the Argys spurted for the lead, which they obtained by a few feet after about a length of the course was covered. This lead was then increased, added to this lead, despite the strenuous exertions of their opponents to hold them, and when one-third the distance had been covered they were about a full length ahead of the stern of the Fatty Craft, and the stem of the opposing shell. From this time forward the Staten Islanders continued to lose distance, and although the Argonautas were not observed to unduly extend themselves during the first half of the contest, they came in about ten lengths ahead. Their time was 35 49½, having been favored by a head tide. The Argonautas were the recipients of two cash, and the race of next season will possess especial interest in consequence. The colors were presented to the victors by Captain Ray, President Waterbury to receive them with a few well-chosen remarks. A supper at the La Tourette House and a hop at the club-house closed the day's festivities.

BOATING AT NEW ORLEANS.—The St. John Rowing Club of New Orleans, the pioneers of Louisiana, had a friendly contest among themselves Oct 13, which created considerable enthusiasm. The first on the programme was a single-scull race, one mile, the contestants being R. H. Mitchell and J. R. Fuentes. Mr Fuentes took the lead at once and maintained it throughout, making the distance in 8 41, two and a half minutes faster than his opponent. The second race was a mile, between Richardson and Musgrove, was won by the latter. The third trial of speed, between Brown and Carson, was won by Brown, defeating his opponent about five lengths. F. R. Richardson and Henry Benegar came next, the first-named making the distance in one minute in advance of his friend. Then followed a pair-oared race, Dunbar and Dixon in the Lulu against Hensel and Roberson in the Cora. The Lulu kept the lead throughout, winning by 8 sec. It was a quite dark and too late to improve the pair-oared contests, it was arranged that the single scull race—Fuentes and Musgrove—should take place, the former was won by Fuentes, time, 8 sec. A large number of people lined the banks of the bayou.

BIGLIN VS. BROWN.—Concerning the refusal of George Brown's Halifax boat to row to Saint John with John Biglin's boat, *The St. John* (N. B.) *Triumph* speaks thus: "The attitude of Brown's friends, in regard to this new proposition, will take many of his admirers here and elsewhere by surprise. Had the New Yorker's proposition come from Newfoundland or Baffin's Bay, there might be some ground for crying 'too late,' but our Halifax friends would remember that New York waters are quite suitable for an aquatic contest up to 1st of December. There is not a Haligonian, or—for that matter—a St. John man who does not believe that Brown can beat his late opponent in any fair race, or at any time when the two men come together under fair circumstances. The answer should, therefore, have been an empathatic Yes. At least, such is the opinion of Brown's friends here, and had they the influence over him that Mr. Pryor has, they would have given it."

REPORTED DEATH OF J. C. CLORD.—A dispatch from New Orleans, La., dated Oct. 16, says: "Joseph C. Clord, the oarsman, who started from Philadelphia some three months since to row to this city by canals and rivers, died on Tuesday last, five days above Pasquemine. Clord was found in his boat in an almost exhausted condition on Monday, and died the next day. His diary shows that he had been suffering with what he termed 'heavy shakes' for about a week before his death." The statement is not generally credited.

THE ATLANTIC AND NASSAU CLUBS are to decide their four-oared race, over a course of three miles, on the Harlem River, Thursday afternoon, Oct. 23.

R. W. RATHBONE DEFEATED W. E. MCCREDY in a two-mile race for the championship of the New York Athletic Club, on the Harlem River, Oct. 13.

PEDESTRIANISM.

ALLISON AND CRANDELL MATCHED.

A meeting which had been postponed from the day previous, in consequence of the inability of Henry Crandell to attend, was held at this office on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 18, for the purpose of making a pedestrian match between the latter and John Allison the New Englander, who has come suddenly to the front as a sprint-runner, and now ties on the highest game. After greeting each other they at once proceeded to business, which had called them together, Crandell opening the "talk" by saying that he would make a match to run one hundred and twenty-five yards, or 440 or 880 yards, for a \$1,000 a-side, four yards scratch start. To this the cat River flyer responded that he would run said distance for \$1,000 a-side, to start on crack of pistol. Hen positively declined to agree to such a start, however, saying that he never had carried so, and he wasn't going to allow anyone to have an advantage over him in that respect. After some discussion, Allison, who vainly proposed to toss for choice, agreed to Crandell's proposal. The match is now running neck and neck up, Hen manifesting a preference for Philadelphia, while Allison wanted the contest to take place at the Washington Trotting Park, Providence, R. I., or Mystic Park, Boston, Mass., though he didn't seem much averse to going to the Quaker City. However, Crandell settled the question by agreeing to accept \$30 for expenses, and go to Providence. The other arrangements were easily made, and articles signed, by the terms of which they agree to run for \$1,000 a-side, on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 13, the men to toe on their marks between 2 and 4 o'clock. The referee to be selected, the judges appointed and the toss for choice of way to run, on the day of the race. We now hold \$500 on behalf of each man, and \$400 more will be laid on October 24; the balance to be placed in the hands of the final stakeholder on the evening prior to the race. Crandell's backers will be represented by S. G. Hardman, Providence. A good day and track were stipulated for. This match will be invested with more than ordinary interest in pedestrian circles.

A FOOT RACE between "William Alexander" of Ohio and Kendrick Spear of Baltimore, Md., took place at Newington Park, Baltimore, Oct. 11, and was won by Alexander, who is said to have made the hundred yards in 9¾secs., beating his opponent six feet. The race was for a purse of $500. Charles Pitts and Barry Amos were the judges. The attendance was small.

BILLIARDS.

THE CHICAGO PROGRAMME.

Although the Chicago scheme for a tournament, as foreshadowed a month ago, has provoked sharpness of criticism in some quarters, yet there is enough of humor in its palpable business aspects to soften somewhat the asperities of dissent. The tables of four different manufacturers are to be used throughout the tourney, and at least the "setters-up," as they are called, will have a lively time in taking down one table and replacing it with another for the next game in order. There is no question of skill to be determined by this series of games. It is purely a business transaction, and the gate money, instead of being measured out to the successful contestants as heretofore, will go to the manufacturers who, with the aid of the gross amount made up from the contestants' entrance fees, guarantee the prize-money in return for a splendid opportunity to commend their respective wares to public favor. Commerce thus is to travel hand in hand with a polite art. The games will doubtless attract hundreds of spectators, as hundreds have before been attracted by the purses of the trotting track. But there is no analogy between the two pastimes. The opportunities for mischief are limited on the trotting turf, which closes its gates at dark, perhaps not to be opened again for a week; while upon billiards the sun never sets. Which one of us shall say, in view of the easy access to table and balls, and the facilities with which "tournaments" can be gotten up if the projectors are to recompense themselves out of the box-office, where this recent innovation upon the traditions and practices of professionalism in billiards will stop? There can be too many tournaments, just as in other pastimes engaged in under the public eye it has been demonstrated that there can be too much professionalism.

CHICAGO, Oct. 11, 1873.

TO THE BILLIARD PLAYERS OF THE WORLD.—We desire to announce that a tournament, with prizes in cash amounting to $3 000, will take place at the Kingsbury Music Hall, in this city, commencing on Monday evening, Nov. 10, and continuing each evening until finished, under the following conditions: The game to be the 18-inch balk line French carom, 400 points each, on a 5 by 10 carom table, 2¼ inch balls. The winner of the greatest number of games will receive the first prize of $1,000, and an emblem of superiority, which shall become his property, and be held without conditions; the winner of the next greatest number of games will receive the second prize of $750; the winner of the third greatest number of games will receive the third prize of $500; the winner of the fourth greatest number of games will receive the fourth prize of $450; the winner of the fifth greatest number of games will receive the fifth prize of $350. The tables manufactured by the following firms will be alternately used: Stephani, Monheimer & Hart, the J. M. Brunswick & Balke Company, E. Brunswick & Co., and A. Zeller. The number of entries must be not less than seven nor more than ten, and should be addressed to the managers of the tournament, at Foley's, No. 87 South Clark street, before Nov. 1. The entrance fee is $100.

TO FOLEY,
M. GEARY.

SLOSSON vs. SHAFER.

The contest at three-ball caroms between the youngsters Slosson of Chicago and Shafer of Indianapolis took place in Washington Hall, Indianapolis, on the night of the 8th inst. The result was no unusual experience. Except to sport and make the highest run, the comparative novice at match-playing did nothing towards fulfilling the confident anticipations of his backers, while the more experienced Slosson, unhampered by those novelties of position and that cramped the game of Shafer, walked leisurely, and almost without effort to a magnificent victory. Although he has often been seen in contests for money at the American game, this, we believe, was Slosson's first public engagement at three-ball caroms. Another match is talked of, Slosson to play 600 to Shafer's 500. The score of the match of the 8th, which was for $200 a side, is appended:

Slosson—2, 4, 0, 4, 2, 1, 6, 6, 1, 2, 10, 9, 0, 0, 5, 0, 9, 0, 1, 0, 0, 3, 4, 1, 11, 0, 23, 1, 0, 16, 4, 8, 0, 0, 4, 4, 3, 0, 4, 0, 4, 12, 0, 2, 0, 6, 0, 12, 26, 20, 1, 5, 0, 0, 0, 19, 0, 10, 0, 0, 2, 10, 0, 0, 9, 0, 1, 2, 7, 5, 1, 0. 15-3, 1, 12, 0, 2, 8, 17, 14, 0, 7, 1, 30, 16, 7, 1, 4, 1,—500. Average, 5.43.

Shafer—1, 0, 2, 1, 3, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 13, 0, 0, 1, 8, 1, 4, 0, 3, 1, 0, 6, 10, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 3, 11, 7, 4, 0, 45, 0, 2, 0, 8, 7, 1, 2, 0, 10, 3, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 1, 0, 5, 12, 3, 2, 8, 2, 15, 8, 5, 1, 2, 9, 3, 6, 0, 3, 0, 0, 7, 1, 2, 4, 0, 1, 3, 4, 0, 0, 4, 18—321. Average, 3.52.

DEATH OF A GREAT ENGLISH PLAYER.—Edwin Kentfield, perhaps better known in professional circles in England as "Jonathan," and who was at one time the master of English billiards as embodied in the winning game, Mr. Wild's benefit, at Liverpool, Aug. 29 at Brighton, Eng., where for many years he had been proprietor of the rooms in Manchester street. His specialty was "the cramp game," a species of odds by which the more skillful player confines himself to one of the pockets, while his antagonist is permitted to avail himself of all his. He was also quite adroit in the accomplishment of the "spot stroke," although his crowning performances in that line have been since eclipsed by those of John Roberts, Sr., and thrown almost indistinguishably into the background by the more recent exploits of William Cook, Jr. When the elder Roberts came upon the scene, which was about twenty-five years ago, "Jonathan Brighton Marker" faded gradually from professional view, and ultimately passed almost from public recollection. Many attempts were made to get up another match between him and Roberts, Sr.; but Kentfield invariably declined, and underlying this declination was something weightier than the dread of being conquered. The two great players were disciples of different schools, and there could be no "harmony in discord." Short-nose, as Kentfield was called, had largely gone out as a billiard luminary, yet Kentfield attracted to himself a select coterie, who might daily have been seen at his rooms in Brighton. During his visit to England in 1851, Michael Phelan, then the representative player of America, was the guest of "Jonathan," whose portrait, taken some years prior to that period, represents him as a rather tall gentleman, spare of flesh, straight as an arrow, and possessed of features indicative of a probity beyond the faintest suspicion of reproach. His age is not given, but it must have been at least sixty at his death.

OPENING IN CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.—Carpenter & Dennison's elegant billiard parlor in the American Hotel, Cedar Rapids, was opened for inspection on Oct. 17, and to the public on Oct. 20. It has three 5x10 tables, and a most prolific bar, which, says a correspondent, "can supply anything in the fluid line, from a gin cocktail to a glass of buttermilk." The Cedar Rapids club is a rare bird, rarely invited to call, but they are forced to decline with thanks, for buttermilk is not in season, and the other thing can still be got in New York.

LOUISIANA CHAMPIONSHIP.—Special advices to THE CLIPPER from New Orleans are that John F. Maggioli, who at the time held the championship cue of the Louisiana amateurs, retains possession of that emblem through having on Oct. 13, defeated Louis Abrams by a score of 300 to 248, three-ball game. Our correspondent adds (and this is somewhat surprising, for billiard-room employes are not generally rated as amateurs) that Mr. Maggioli has been challenged by the owner of the champion cue, and an attache of Charles Jacome's rooms in that city.

DEATH OF MRS. J. H. WILLETT.—One of the many to fall victims to the prevalent yellow fever in Memphis, Tenn., was the wife of Mr. J. H Willett, favorably known in that section for the past six years as the agent of a billiard house here at the North. The lady died on the 9th inst., and in his bereavement Mr. W. will have the sympathy not merely of those in his immediate neighborhood, but also of numberless people in this section.

GOLDTHWAIT VS. HARRY SMITH.—William Goldthwait visited Biddeford, Me., on the 13th inst., and at the Apollo Billiard Parlor played an American game of 1,000 points with Harry Smith of Portland. Goldthwait's performance is far less than his usual difficulty of late in winning, his majority being the handsome one of 495, and his closing run 230. Nevertheless, his average was light, Smith's being less than 13.

BYERS VS. GARRATT.—A Lafayette, Ind., correspondent acquaints us that an effort is being made to get up another match between Parker A. Byers of that place and Jacob Garratt of Indianapolis. Byers has promptly seconded the proposition by challenging Garratt to play for $250 a side. As yet, says THE CLIPPER's correspondent finally, Indianapolis has not been heard from.

GAME FOR GAME.—At McKinley's rooms, in this city, during the early part of last week an exhibition was given by Louis Shaw, now stationed at that house, and Joseph Dion. The latter won a three-ball game by a score of 100 to 76 and Shaw retaliated by scoring 600 to 321 in a four-ball game. After that, writes a correspondent, "Mr. Shaw gave exhibitions of his wonderful fancy shots."

MASSACHUSETTS CHAMPIONSHIP.—Oct. 24 has been named, and Bumstead Hall, Boston, selected for the game (fourball caroms) between B. Frank Dennison and Edward G. Kendall for the championship of Massachusetts.

O'NEILL VS. PURCELL.—At Rue's room, Halifax, N. S., on Oct. 8, John Purcell of that place was beaten by James O'Neill of St. John, for $25. O'Neill's majority was six points, length of game not stated.

JOSEPH DION, we have a letter addressed to you.

THE RING.

COYNE AND ROOKE.

On Monday, Oct 20, the fourth deposit, $250 a side, in the middle weight match between George Rooke and Jim Coyne was duly posted, the latter staking his share in person, while George was represented by one of his backers. Rooke's absence was occasioned by an unfortunate affair which occurred at his boarding-house in Newark on Monday night, 13th inst., resulting in the fatal wounding of Dick Bradshaw by Rooke. It appears that the injured man called at George's house, in company with John Purser (the well-known boxer, lately from New Orleans, La.) and James Croupp; and as the two seemed bent upon making trouble, a dispute soon arose between the proprietor of Bradshaw, who, it is said, had formerly boarded at the house and cut the bill. The latter, who belongs to a cavalry regiment, and had been upon parade, having his accoutrements still with him, attempted to draw his sabre, but Rooke wrested it from him. He then seized the scabbard and attacked George, who, being cornered, struck him with the sabre twice, inflicting a slight wound upon the arm, and another, the point of which entered the head, the skull being laid open. The police were called in, and Rooke, Turner and Croupp were arrested and taken to the lock-up while the wounded man was conveyed to the Sisters' Hospital, where his wounds were dressed. At an examination held next day, Rooke was committed to await the result of Bradshaw's injuries, while Turner and Croupp were held as witnesses. Application was made by counsel for George's liberation and bail, but though the Justice said that the evidence adduced convinced him that Rooke had acted in self-defence, he could not admit him to bail without a physician's certificate that Bradshaw's injuries were not dangerous. We learn that he is to be brought into court on Tuesday morning on a writ of habeas corpus, and that, as the injured man is considered out of all danger, Rooke will probably be admitted to bail. Bradshaw recovers, this unlucky affair will not affect the present match; but should the opposite prove the case it will come to naught. Coyne has, we learn, already done some good work, with a view to improve his physique, and should George be released this week he will at once betake himself to suitable quarters and commence training. Coyne's colors will be a deep green silk kerchief, with the harp of Erin go Bragh stamped in gold in the centre, and a shamrock in each corner. Persons desiring to obtain one or more can do so by applying to Jim at his house, No. 567 Broad street, Newark, N. J.

JOHN C. HERMAN, whose departure for Virginia City, Nevada, several weeks ago, we have before alluded to, is now on his way back to the metropolis, having failed to receive that backing which he hoped for from the change of climate. Indeed, his friends will be deeply grieved to learn that his health is not so good as when he left for the far West. They will join with us in wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

TOM MADDEN will take a benefit at Bennett's Hall, between Ninth, Fourth and North Fifth streets, Williamsburg, L. I., Monday evening, Oct. 27. A number of good sparring will be furnished, and Madden will, we are informed, wind up with George Seddons.

THERE ARE LETTERS now in our possession for Barney Aaron, Johnny Allen, Patsy Sheppard, and Arthur Chambers.

THE TURF.

JEROME PARK FALL RACES.

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CLOSING DAY.

The Fall meeting at Jerome Park was brought to a close on Saturday, the 18th inst., being the fifth day. It has been successful both as regards the attendance and the sport. The weather on the last day was cloudy and threatening, and the fear of rain doubtless deterred many from witnessing the racing. Fortunately the portending rain held off, and the absence of the sun enabled the assemblage to enjoy the sport in comfort.

THE FIRST RACE

was for maiden three-year olds that had never won a race, for a purse of $400; the second horse receiving the 5 per cent. entrance money. The distance was one mile and an eighth, colts carrying 110lb, and fillies 105lb. The runners were Lorillard's Cariboo, by Lexington; Belmont's Periwinkle, by Kentucky; Purvear's King Phillip, by 16sp. Eclipse (a full brother to Naragansett), and McDaniels & Co.'s brown filly by Leamington, out of imp. Wombat. Cariboo had run so close a race with Governor Bowle's colt Catsby on the previous Wednesday, that the talent unhesitatingly set him down as the certain winner, and at the pool stand plunged on him with a recklessness that indicated their belief of his assured success. King Phillip had never run before, but his good looks and high breeding gained him support from many. Pools sold as under:

Cariboo	$110	$50	$30	$50	$200	$230
King Phillip	30	125	50	145		
McDaniels'	25	70	35	55	100	115
Periwinkle	85	30	35	45		

The four horses go well off to a capital start, Cariboo leading, McDaniels' filly next, and King Phillip last. Before reaching the judges' stand, Periwinkle took the lead, and Cariboo, striking into the heels of one of the horses in front of him, stumbled and nearly came to the ground. Fortunately, Hughes caught him in time, but he lost so much ground that his backers were in fearful consternation for their investments. Periwinkle drew clear as they went around the turn, and led two lengths around the bend, a slower turn into the homestretch. Halloway up, Cariboo closed so rapidly that he looked momentarily formidable, and shouts arose that "Cariboo wins." But, directly Periwinkle lengthened his pull on Periwinkle, he shot away from Mr. Lorillard's colt, and won with great ease by four lengths in 2 03¾. Cariboo beating the Leamington filly the same distance for second money, and King Phillip a bad fourth.

THE SECOND RACE

was for maiden two-year-olds, three-quarters of a mile, for a purse of $400, the second horse receiving the entrance money; weights 100lb for colts, and 97lb for fillies. The starters were Chamberlin's Weathercock by Australian; McDaniels' Sue Washington, by Lexington; Belmont's Macaroon, by Leamington, and unnamed bay filly by Red Dick; Wilmerding's Macaroon by Macaroni, and Purvear's Juliana by Leamington. Macaroon, on the strength of the magnificent race he made with McDaniels' Sue Washington colt on the previous Wednesday, when he was only beaten a short half head, was made the favorite in the pools, which sold as under:

Macaroon	$320	$100	$130	$250	$460
Weathercock	150	240	85	155	185
McDaniels'	125	215	85	140	175
Juliana	125	110	75	95	120

Without delay the flag fell to an excellent start, Weathercock taking the lead, closely pursued by Macaroon, Mary Buckly's colt and Juliana last, a position they retained throughout the race. Going around the Clubhouse hill, Weathercock led Macaroon half a length, with Mary Buckly's colt behind the latter, and the Red Dick filly four lengths away behind them. While out of sight, a change had taken place; for, when they came in view again, Mary Buckly was leading Weathercock half a length, while Macaroon, who had the latter's position next the judges' stand, led the field a length past the judges' stand; Minstrel second, half a length before Chickabiddy; Kadi fourth; Gray Planet next; Wizard and Minnie Mac the two next, and Artist last. Coming down the homestretch in a magnificent run and Club-house buff, along the lower-stretch and into the straight run home, leaving there Minnie Mac second, Minstrel third, Chickabiddy fifth and fourth, Gray Planet next, Kadi, Artist and Wizard being the last three horses, the latter having, as usual, sulked when looking dangerous. Quits held her lead to the string, and although Kadi came on in a wet and the stretch after being twice disappointed in getting past his horses, he never fairly caught Quits, who won by a length in 2 01, Chickabiddy beating Mary Buckly's colt for second money. Artist was fourth, Wizard next, Minstrel sixth, Gray Planet seventh, and Minnie Mac last.

THE HURDLE RACE,

the winding up contest of the meeting, was for a purse of $800, of which $200 went to the second horse. When the bell rang, only two horses, Lochiel, 158lb, and Bibaklava, 145lb, carrying over the sticks, and the former won the race. A 1 the other entries declined to start on the ground that the weights were too heavy. Finally, Revenge, 156lb, was brought out to run. Odds sold as under:

Lochiel	$500	$500	$520	$410
Field	250	260	260	200

Lochiel made the running from the fall of the flag, and never headed, won by a length. Revenge taking second money. Bibaklba never made an effort to run, his rider, Murphy, pulling his horse to a standstill after having moved off in front with Lochiel. He finally went over the course some minutes after the others, but only running to the stand as he was summoned before the stewards, who, after some inquiries, ruled him off the course (an example since which extends to all other racecourses in this country and Canada. Time, 3:35.

RACING IN CALIFORNIA.—We are informed by telegraph that the race at Oakland Park, San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 17, between Nell Flaherty, Thornhill and Osceola, was won by the former, Thornhill taking the first heat. Time, 1:44½; 1:45; 1:45¼; 1:43¾. On the 18th a race of four-mile heats, which had created deep interest among the turfmen of that section, came off in the presence of not less than five thousand spectators. The first heat was won by Joe Daniels easily, but Thad Stevens took the next two and the race. Summary:

OAKLAND TROTTING PARK, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct 18, 1873.—Purse $1,000; for all running horses, to rule; $500 to the winner, $1,200 to the second, and $750 to the third; four miles and repeat.

George Frazier's ch g Thad Stevens, aged, by Langford, dam Mary Chilton, by imp. Glencoe, 1 1 1

G. A. Johnson's s h Joe Daniels, 4 yrs old, by Australian, dam Dolly Carter, 1870, 2 2 dis

The above Winters' b c Euclid, Box, 3 yrs old, by L. I. Rose's ch m Irene Harding, 4 yrs old, by Jack Malone, dam Maccar a, 3 3 dis

Nathan Coombs br g Target, 4 yrs old, by Ridgeman, dam Jenny Hull, by Belmont, 1002 5 4 dis

J. H. Shibley's ch m Kate Gift, aged, by Ogden, dam Ruby, by Winnebago, be by imp. Glencoe, 1128 6 dis

Time, 7:42¾; 7:30; 7:43.

TROTTING AT NEW HAVEN, CT.—The New Haven Horse Association held their first annual meeting at Hamilton Park during the past week, the same commencing Oct. 14 and continuing until the 16th, inclusive. For the 3:00 purse, which opened the meeting, nine horses started, the winner being J. N. Mansey, Lady Burnham second, Mrs. Burke third. Time, 2:40; 2:43; 2:29½. The 2:29 purse was next contested for by only five starters, Tom Hooker won the first, second and fourth heats and the race, Billy Platter taking the third. Time, 2:30; 2:29½; 2:29½; 2:29½. The 2:24 purse was the first trotted for on the second day, the winner being Susie, who captured the second, third and fourth heats. Crown Prince took the first. Time, 2:32½; 2:31½; 2:33. Four horses started for the 2:45 purse, which was won by Port Washington, who took the first, third and fourth heats, the second going to Mrs. Burke. Time, 2:38½; 2:38½; 2:40½; 2:41½. The first contest on the last day was for the 2:35 class, the prize being won by Hamilton in three straight heats. Time, 2:34½; 2:34½; 2:36½. A running race brought the sport to an end, the winner thereof being Gerald, in two straight heats. Time, 1:50½; 1:52.

THE WINNERS AT JEROME PARK RACES.—At the meeting just concluded at Jerome Park, the Kentucky turfman Hon. Pierre Lorillard has the list of winners with $9,850, for which he is indebted to his famous crack Tom Bowling, who carried off the Jerome and Annual Stakes. Mr. M. H. Sanford, of Saratoga, has $4,350, won by Preakness, Mildew, Kadi and mate. The confederacy stable of Col. McDaniels & Co., which last year headed the list, is now only third, with $3,965, the racings of Cora Lynn, Harry Bassett, Nate Pease, and the Sue Washington two-year-old colt. Dennison & Crawford rank fourth with $3,585, won by Rutherford, and Jos. Donahue succeeds with $2,800 gained by Georgie Wood, Lizzie Lucas, Artist and Dublin. Mr. Belmont wins $2,375 with Gray Planet, King Amadeus, Periwinkle and Victoria, and Tom Puryear is indebted to Grimaldi for $1,750 Mr. Lawrence Jerome credited with $1,720, won by Shylock, and John Chamberlin, thanks to True Blue and Weathercock, pockets $1,600. Lorillard's Lizzie Lucas's $330 with Cariboo and girl of the Period, and Mr. Littell is indebted to Wizard, Reform and Mary Clark for $1,000 winnings. Dr. Weldon takes $750 with Quits and Warlike; D. Bagnall, $600, with Orville and Fly. Mr. Withers $525 with Macaroon. Gov. O. Bowie and McCoffin are each credited with $500, won by Catesby and Lochiel, and James McKee pockets $400, won by his fleet chief, and James Washington, the "blind old Hero of Woodburn," still holds his position at the head of winning sires, being credited with $19,850, the earnings of her sons and daughters. Imported Australian ranks next with McDaniels & Co.'s Katie Pease by Planet, Mr. Jerome Lorillard's Preakness, by Lexington, 5 yrs. The latter was withdrawn. The betting was as follows:

True Blue	$500	$500	$315	$365	$330
Katie Pease	160	120	120	120	120

The first three quarters of a mile were very slow, the time being 1:37, and Kentfield was evidently under orders to make a waiting race of it. Col. McDaniels now as well as the Katie Pease to "go on," and he did so, and the latter soon had a length of daylight between her and the string abreast. True Blue now assumed the lead, and, outrunning the filly, galloped away from her, and won "hands down" by eight lengths in 5:10¾.

THE FREE HANDICAP,

a sweepstakes of $25 each, if not declared out, with $500 added—the second to receive $125 out of the stakes; one mile and an eighth, had eight starters, viz., Chickabiddy, 103lb; Gray Planet, 100lb; Artist, 100lb; Minnie Mac, 99lb; Quits, 93lb; Wizard, 92lb; Kadi, 90lb; and Minstrel, 77lb. Gray Planet and Minnie Mac were the favorites, all the rest being bunched as a field. Pools sold as under:

Gray Planet	$470	$530	$750	$610	$550
Minnie Mac	280	375	470	530	420
Field	130	150	230	460	410

The start was one of the best ever seen, Chickabiddy first showing in front, but was almost instantly passed by Quits, who, taking the lead from the outside pole, led the field a length past the judges' stand; Minstrel second, half a length before Chickabiddy; Kadi fourth; Gray Planet next; Wizard and Minnie Mac the two next, and Artist last. Coming down the homestretch in a magnificent run and Club-house buff, along the lower-stretch and into the straight run home, leaving there Minnie Mac second,

"WHEN THE FAKIRS HOMEWARD SHERRY."

(Long and Short Meter.)

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,
BY DE HAVEN.

October's winds are blowing high, the roads are muddy, too;
No use in putting paper up, for billing will not do;
It's getting cold, short days have come, but still we'll all be merry,
And sing the song we love to hear—"When the Fakirs Homeward Sherry."

Dry out the brushes, clean the cans, and pack the wagons tight,
Cram your overalls beneath the seat, beside the torches bright;
Fill out the bills, use all you have, that is in any reason,
And *daub* that board across the way the "last stand of the season."

I'll go back and I'll see the show, and settle up my books,
And have a blab with all the boys, and tell them how it looks
Ahead, and how the country lays, the roads they've got to go,
And keep them jolly rainy days, to the finish of the show.

Excuse me while I drop a tear for the *friends* we've left behind,
Of *generous* landlords, license men, and all such gang you'll find
In every village *roundabout*, who laugh at our expense
For paying a dollar and a half per day, and oats at ninety cents.

For sleeping on their *lively* beds, and drinking "lightning gin,"
In hopes that when we get *one* dose, we'll never come again,
For all of which we have to "tip," if we are in proper "fix,"
But on the day the show arrives, *they* sherry in for nix.

Well, here we are, and here's the boys. Jim, tell us, how de'do?
I'spose you're mighty anxious to have the season through,
And get on store togs once again, and spruce up just for You say you live in Boston. Oh! for a plate of Gibson's beans.

I live in York, they know me well; *I'm* the youth that's always round,
To look up new lunch routes, if there's any to be found;
And know the place where soup's the best, and where they make it hot,
But *seldom* on old chams and stubs—*that's* a kind o' pepper pot.

And here's Big Bill, the "funny man." My! how your feet have grown—
If I'd seen them on the elephant, I'd swear they wer'n't your own.
Your hungry now? I *spose you are*, that's what you *always* say;
But wait, you'll have a chance to clean out Lafe Nixon in a day.

Where are the boys? Where's Joe and Mike, and where are Josh and Dan,
And tell us where is handsome Tom, the gay and *purty* man.
Who breaks the hearts of all the dames—for this he's very rash—
Still, let the boy *enjoy* himself, he's always on the mash.

Where's *modest* George who sings so sweet,
And funny Ed. with stubby feet?
Where's "Lightning Ike," with mouth so big, who has so much t' say?
And all the gang of roustabouts. Where is the gang to-day?

All gone to grub? That suits me well—I'll take a hack myself;
And clean out Williams' dining-room and whittle a chair, shelf;
And *sweet* our voices then we'll blend to the tune that's ever merry
To the boys that's worked all Summer hard, of "When the Fakirs Homeward Sherry."

THE SUPER'S DAUGHTER.

I'm a super. I suppose you knows what that is? If you don't, and aint theatrically inclined, I'll tell you. A super's one of them as takes the small parts in the play, where the "business" is important and the "cackle" particular. That's a super. When Shakespeare wrote "A man in his time plays many parts," he must have had a "super" in his eye, if supers was invented in those days, which I suppose he was, or Shakespeare aint the man I took him or. Bless you, our role is unlimited—we does everything. Why, in one piece sometimes I takes a matter of half a dozen parts, if not more. Say "Hamlet" a put up; first I'm a guard as walking on the right parts of the castle; then I'm a courtier attending on the King; then I'm a recorder (which aint got nothing to do with the law, as I thought at one time, but performs on a sort of flute); then I'm a sailor; after that a mute at Ophelia's funeral; then I'm a soldier again, or a courtier, as Elsie may be. He was very jealous of Rose, and wanted to take her off the stage and marry her at once; but I objected on the score of age. I asked him to wait a year, till she was a little older, and he took my advice—rather unwillingly, I suspect, if his face may be believed, but he didn't say so, for he always gave way to me, because I knew what was better than he did.

One night Rose gets a letter sent round to her from a gentleman in the boxes a-asking her to meet him outside after the performance. She was very much put about with it, for she was that artless she'd received—they gets used to these things in time—and brought the letter to me. Just as I was reading it, up comes Charley—that's her young man—and Rose snatches the letter out of my hand and puts in her pocket, not before Charley had seen it. He looks surprised, and he says:

"What's that?" says he.

"Oh, nothing," she says, playful like, and runs away; and he turned away too, but not in the same direction.

When I saw Rose again, I says:

"Why didn't you show it to him?" I says.

"Oh, father," she says, "he's so jealous, and if he'd seen it he'd have thrashed the fellow," she says, "and perhaps have got into a row, and I didn't want him to get into a row."

She give me the letter, for fear he should ask for it; and I put it in my pocket, never a-thinking no more about it.

When work was done for the night, me and two or three others used to take our pipe and pot—which was half pint o' fourpenny—at a little public-house on the corner, close to the theatre, where we was known and respected. There we used to talk over the evelits of the evening, and sometimes, when things was slow, we'd even condescend to talk politics, but not often —we left them frivolous subjects to people as hadn't the sense to appreciate art. While we was there that night, in comes a gent rather mopsy; he swaggered up to the counter, and calls for a bottle of champagne, and then asks us to drink, which we did—we never refuses that. Then he goes a-going on about one thing and another, and at last he says:

"That Rose is a nice girl."

I pricks up my ears at this, and I puts down the glass of champagne as I was just a-rising to my mouth —the glass as he paid for—but I never says nothing. Then he goes on a-boasting, and says as he was going to see her home. I jumps up, and I says:

"I'm that lady's father, and if I wasn't a old man I'd knock you down."

Then it turns to my mates and tells 'em of the letter business, and takes it out of my pocket, and hands it to him, and gives a bit of advice as he wanted. He was in that rage as he was just a-putting up his fist to hit me, when Joe Pulter, one of us, floors him. Then he handed him over to a policeman. We was rather excited afterward, what with having an extra half pint, and the champagne of the drunk afore, we knew who we got it from. Charley used always to see Rose home after the performance, and stay with her till I come; but he wasn't there that night, and Rose said he hadn't come with her as he always did, and laid the blame on the letter. She was naturally cut up about it, and I said:

"I'll tell him how it was in the morning."

But she says:

"No!" she says; "if he can't think me true to him without proofs, he shan't at all."

I see it was no use a-arguing with her, so I gives in. My little beauty was very proud, and I liked to see it; but I never thought as how pride would turn love over as it did; although I ought to have known better, a seeing so often how Pauline had a narrow escape of it. She was very pale next morning, and her eyes looked like mine do sometimes when I aint got water enough to wash with comfortable and I leaves the color round under 'em; but it wasn't from that I knowed, because Rose was a very tidy girl. I never says nothing, but I goes on a-eating and a-not pretending to notice anything different; and by-and-bye off we goes to the theatre. I was very curious to see what Charley would do, but he only just takes off his hat—Charley always was a gentleman—and turns away again. This here made me feel very queerish, and I didn't know what to make on it.

Things went on in this here unfortunate style for a week. Rose was too proud to explain, although I wanted her to; but no, not her! and there we was. One morning she didn't come down to breakfast as usual, so I goes up to her bedroom and says:

"What's the matter, my beauty?"

"Oh, father," says she, "I don't feel very well just now. I dare say I shall be all right to-night."

But her hand was a-trembling like a leaf and her eyes was sunk, and when I come to look at her close was staggered to see how she'd altered in them few days. It flustered me more than I should a-thought, so I gives her a kiss and tells her to lie down quiet, and off I goes for a doctor. He comes and feels her pulse and such like; then he calls me out on the landing and says she's in a high state of fever and must be kept very quiet, or he wouldn't be answerable for it. Then he began a-asking me about myself and my profession and cetera.

"Not very rich, I suppose?" says he. "Ah, well!" he says, "we sha'n't quarrel about the money."

And a'welp me goodness! as I'm standing here, he never charged me a blessed ha'penny for physic or nothing—not a ha'penny—and found the bottles besides! When Charley sees me by myself, he didn't know what to make on it. He fidgets about me for ever so long, and at last he comes up and asks where Rose was. I was very short with him, a-treating her as she was, though he didn't know the damage he'd done; so I says, stiff:

"My daughter's at home, sir—not so well as she might be."

"I hope she isn't ill," says he, quick.

"It don't much matter to you," I says, "whether she's ill or not," and I turned away, choaking like, a-thinking of my little deserted beauty a-lying so quiet at home.

I hurried back as soon as I could, and goes up to her room; and, God help me, she was in that state she didn't know me, and wanted to know if I'd brought a message from heaven from Charley, as she was certain he was dead, because he hadn't been to see her. I tried to soothe her, but it was no good; there she kept rambling on about one thing and another, a-pretending to be talking to him, and a-telling him not to be sorry, she'd soon join him. It made me feel queer like and moist about the eyes; and I remembered I was an old man, and began to think how I should feel when I was alone. She lay in this state for a week, a-living chiefly on sop'rvictuals as I was obliged to force down her throat. It was a hard time—not because the money was short; I didn't mind that; but I couldn't abide to see my darling in pain. I never went near the public then, but hurried home every night as soon as the performance was over, a-hoping always as she'd be better, and would know me again; but she never did till about an hour before it come. It was a Sunday night, at church-time. I used to think afterwards that my little darling was carried up to heaven on the sound of the bells, as it floated away on the breeze.

I was a-sitting quiet at the window, melancholy like, a-keeping my eye on Rose to see as she didn't want nothing, and somehow the night my wife died came into my mind, and I couldn't get rid of the thought nohow. The more I tried the more it would come. I remember as well as it was yesterday when I had her in my arms in the green-room, her a-looking up into my face as though she wanted to say something. So I says:

"It is Rose, Mary!" I says, and she nods and smiles, and I promised I'd be a kind father to her.

She smiles again at that, and lays her head on my shoulder. Then I see her eyelids a-closing, and that told me that the Great Prompter had rung down her curtain.

I was a-looking out of the window, and I sees somebody turn the corner and stop in front of the house; but it was getting dark and I couldn't make out who it was—I thought I knew the figure, too. Just as I was a-puzzling myself a-thinking who it could be, I heard my little darling call "Father!" I runs to her and finds it was the first time she'd known me since the fever took her. I had such a glad feeling at my heart as I can't tell here—it comes so fresh to me after waiting so long, although it seemed to choke me, too, and I couldn't speak at the moment. Rose a-going for me by her head and asked me mine, and there we was, for the matter of a minute or two, before either of us said a word, a-lookin' into each other's faces, joyfuller than we'd been for some time. Then says she:

"Father," she says, "I want to see Charley."

I says:

"You shall, to-morrow, my darling."

"Let me see him to-night, father," she says, beseechingly; "let me see him to-night, because—"

And there she stopped.

I gets up to look at it in me to see her want for anything as I could give her, though I couldn't make out why she was in such a hurry—leastways, I couldn't then; I do now. I puts on my hat, and just outside who should I see a-coming across the road from the other side but Charley himself. When he see me a-coming he turns faster than I could, and by the time I got in the room there she was, with her arms round his neck, a-smiling up into his face, and he a-kissing of her, as happy as birds. So I says nothing, but goes and sits on the stairs outside, and when I thought they had made it common jealous of Charley, and I thought—God help me!—as how he would take her away as soon as she was well. She was took away from me, but not by him—but not by him.

I sat there for the matter of half an hour in the dark, when all of a sudden Charley gives a cry. I rushed in, and there was my darling, with her head a-laid quiet on his bosom, and her eyes shut; and I could see, by the scared look on his face, that my little beauty would never cheer my poor old heart again.

THE PENNY THEATRES OF LONDON.

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It is not to be supposed that in my History of the English Stage, yet to be written, any mention will be made of the penny theatres of London, as they existed in the past generation, though something might be urged in the relation, with a due regard to the comprehensiveness of the subject. A few details of these peculiar institutions, of which so little is known on this side of the water, will, doubtless, prove interesting to the readers of THE CLIPPER.

The term "penny," as applied to these theatres, has not to be taken in its exactly literal signification. True it is, there were some places where there was only one charge for admission—an English penny (or two cents); at the same time there were others of a more pretentious kind, where the charge was twopence for front seats; and we knew of a few where as much as threepence was demanded—this for a chair to the "patron's" self. In all these theatres, however, one penny was the general or popular charge.

They were to be found, at long intervals, in Lambeth, Clerkenwell, Shadwell, and the off-neighborhoods of the City Road and environs, the filthy theatres being covered with sawdust, and the whole being concealed from outside view by a tent. A lesser number were in old and ruinous buildings. As a rule, the orchestra consisted of three instruments—a violin, a flageolet, and a French horn; rarely, a drum and a triangle would be added. As respects scenery, a little variation was observable. When the penny was the universal rule, the spectator was obliged to content himself with two scenes only, an interior and an exterior—the former being on the cottage plan, the latter showing a forest. The wardrobe would be equally meagre, consisting, probably, of not more than half a dozen different suits, in the last stage of shabbiness. The three-penny and twopenny concerns, however, would, as it is only natural to suppose, show to some advantage in these items. The possession of an extra scene or two, and a dozen suits complete, of less wear than those of their kindred establishments.

The staff, on and off the stage, of these theatres was small, but thoroughly organized. There was a "leading" man, also a "funny" one, and a "heavy," a "leading" lady, a "prima donna," an "old woman," a "chambermaid," and she who did the "sentimental." Nobody will suppose that the pieces common to regular theatres were performed at these the ir regular. They were not; but in their stead, short sensational dramas, into which, as it often happened, a long story of love, murder and intrigue had been boiled down to the capacity of forty minutes.

One particular "drama," as enacted at one of the places described, lives yet in my memory. The tinsel of the green baize disclosed the figure of the hero of the piece—a female—in knee-breeches, white worsted stockings, high-lows, a short round coat such as the London boatmen wear, and a checked shirt. He looked broken-hearted ere he spoke, and his words, when they did come, confirmed the melancholy impression he had already inspired. It was another day, and yet no call for a boat from Greenwich!" These (the w in the last word being strongly emphasized) were the first utterances of the gentleman, who, coming forward joined his wife, in a dress of gray glazed-calico, with a customer for a boat—a dashing courtier, who wanted to be rowed to Whitehall, and who was taken thither by the ferryman, who received a special fee for his trouble. Meanwhile, a fourth character appears, in the person of an apparently old mendicant, who openly asks charity at the hands of the ferryman's wife, who readily accords him food and shelter, accompanying the beneficent deed by a touching allusion to "Him who feeds the sparrows." There is a mystery about the stranger, who, though he is profuse of his thanks for the good service rendered him by the boatman's wife, indulges in numerous "asides," in which, references to "her, the angel one," and some "thrice-damned villain, whose blood has yet to atone, atone," are distinguishable. The name of this monosyllabic villain I learn at once, though we do that of the young lady of angelic quality. That, appropriately enough, is (speaking after the actor) "Hangeline!"

The incidents and denouement of this little piece are well worked out. The old man proves to be very different to what he seems; also to know much more than most people would credit him for knowing. Suffice it to say that he is the father of the wronged and lost "Hangeline," seeking revenge on her seducer, who is the noble recently rowed to Whitehall, and who (the audience are already advised of *that*) has cast the eyes of unholy desire on the boatman's wife, and (vide text) "has resolved to possess her—ha! ha! ha!" We next hear of particular "documents" which shall be placed in the hands of their "rightful possessor."

The upshot of the piece is, that the wicked noble is killed by the father of the wronged maiden (who proves to be a noble long resident in France), and that the parchments by which the visitor to Whitehall had long held wealth and title are handed over to the man to whom they lawfully belong—the Greenwich boatman, who is to be known hereafter as Earl of Kent.

This will afford the reader a pretty fair specimen of the sort of pieces enacted at the penny theatres in London during the past generation. The rest of the programme consisted of a pantomime, some singing and dancing, and occasionally a "terrific combat" between two notable members of the company. There was a very popular comic song extant in those days, and given at these theatres. It was that of a supposed dealer of baked potatoes, and would appear before his audience, with can, steam, and smoking "murphies," and usually be honored by a double encore.

As will be inferred, the great majority of the visitors of these theatres were boys; a fact that emboldened certain moralists to urge a crusade against them. It was noteworthy, however, that while a violation of the civic peace was rare at these places, and a theft rarer yet, the newspapers were furnishing abundant evidence of robberies perpetrated in churches, and seductions resulting from assignations in the same.

At the first blink it would seem that no profit could possibly accrue from the running of these penny theatres. A little calculation, however, will dispel the delusion. It must be remembered that the numbers engaged were small, and that the average of performances daily might be set down at four or five. Bearing this in mind, with the fact that the "house" on the occasion of each performance was an "overflow," and you will not be astonished on being told that the experiment realized a good profit to the proprietor, and enabled him to pay salaries not at so miserable a disadvantage in regard to his "legitimate" brethren as might be imagined. The standard salary of leading performers at these places was twoguineas a week; thence, through many gradations, we trace the lowest to ten shillings. At some of the regular minor houses the tariff was not much higher.

To the credit of the actors and actresses employed at the penny theatres of London at the time I write about, be it recorded that, such as their measure of ability was, they exerted it to the best, and never forgot the respect due to an audience. They showed a common resemblance, in look and manner, with all the rest of English professionals, and sometimes succeeded in getting themselves enrolled among the ingitimates. Sometimes, too, when their own places were closed, we might meet, at night, propitiating the good will of a street audience, a well-remembered "leading" man and "prima donna"—one speaking a grand speech, the other warbling a favorite ditty.

THE KING OF THE NECROMANCERS.

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Necromancy, or the Black Art, long antedates the sojourn of the Israelites in Egypt; and if historians on the subject are worthy of belief, the magicians in the days of the hard taskmaster Pharaoh were far more clever than their successors of modern times. The wonderful deeds attributed to Appolonius of Tyana, and to Albertus Magnus—such as raising the dead to life, causing statues to walk, etc.—though rife in legendary lore, are scouted by all veritable historians. The Speaking Head of Friar Bacon is readily fathomed as a clever trick of ventriloquism, but nothing can reconcile us to believe in an animated Galatea. The skillful sleight-of-hand displayed by a Houdin or Hartz may by untutored minds be attributed to supernatural aid, but the initiated are aware that electricity or an adroit confederate plays a prominent part in most of the tricks of modern necromancers.

Still, the jugglers of the East perform many wonderful things, which seem to defy investigation and baffle the most ingenious theories philosophy can advance. The budding of Aaron's rod, according to Holy Writ, was an undoubted miracle; but the Hindoo juggler effects something far more marvelous when, in presence of his audience, he plants a seed that in the course of a few moments grows into a blossoming tree, which shortly produces ripened fruit that everyone present is permitted to partake of. Historians who speak of this trick never fail to add: "The juggler never parts with the tree." The Arabian chronicler Ibu Batuta's wonderful account of the feats of a Chinese juggler whom he saw perform at the court of the Viceroy of Khanza would seem wholly incredible, were we not perfectly satisfied that the juggler accomplished his wonders through the aid of a first-class magic lantern. Edward Melton, the modern Anglo-Dutch traveler, confirms the account of the Arabian chronicler, who says: "A juggler, who was one of the Khan's slaves, made his appearance, and the Emir said to him—'Come and show us some of your marvels.' Upon this he took a wooden ball, with several holes in it, through which long thongs were passed, and, laying hold of one of these, slung it into the air. It went so high that we lost sight of it altogether. (It was the driest season of the year, and we were outside in the middle of the palace court.) There now remained only a little of the end of a thong in the conjurer's hand, and he desired one of the boys who assisted him to lay hold of it and mount. He did so, climbing by the thong, and we lost sight of him also. The conjurer then called to him three times; but, getting no answer, he snatched up a knife as it in a great rage, laid hold of the thong, and disappeared also. By-and-bye he threw down one of the boy's hands, then another, then the other foot, then the trunk, and, last of all, the head. Then he came down himself, all puffing and panting and with his clothes all bloody, kissed the ground before the Emir, and said something in Arabic which I did not understand. He now took the hands and feet, and, having collected the whole together in one place, threw some powder on it, and our friend then took the lad's limbs, laid them together in their places, and gave a kick—when presto! there was the boy, who got up and stood before us. All this astonished me beyond measure, and I had an attack of palpitation like that which I became subject to before in the presence of the Sultan of India, when he showed me something of the same kind. They gave me a cordial, however, which cured the attack. The Kazi Alfkharuddin was next to me, and quoth he, '*Wallah!*' 'tis my opinion there has been taken away nor coming down, neither marring nor mending. 'Tis all hocus-pocus.'" The Kazi Alfkharuddin, it seems, took the whole affair very coolly, as an ordinary juggler's trick, having nothing to do with *diabaleria*.

The tricks of modern illusionists, though very skillful performances, are generally referred to by the audience, after the manner of Alfkharuddin, as all "hocus-pocus," while supernatural aid is scouted as preposterous and absurd. There is, however, an instance on record of how Gallagher, the Dublin magician, was enabled to make a costermonger believe he had come into contact with the Powers of Darkness. The man was a brutal young fellow, with a very repulsive cast of countenance, and with a heavy blackthorn stick he was savagely beating a poor overladen donkey. Gallagher warned the fellow's conduct, but resolved to give him a lesson. A good opportunity occurred when, after an unusually heavy blow, the donkey turned his head as if to remonstrate with his owner. Gallagher threw his voice into the donkey's mouth at the favorable moment, and the costermonger, thunderstruck at the sacrilegious interference, threw away his stick, and, with clasped hands, fell on his knees, and, in the open air, brought on through strong drink and other excitement."

"THE MAGIC PEARL,"

an original comic opera, written by E. Fitzball, was introduced to the London public upon the occasion of the reopening of the Alexandra, Sept. 29. The scene opens in a valley of the Himalayas, the Spirit of the Mountains being personated by Madame St. Claire, who, as the bills inform us, "has kindly undertaken the part." We learn from her that Fadleen, the Prince of Delhi, was thrown into the waters of the Jumna, when an infant, by his usurping uncle, and a chorus of spirits is ordered to keep watch over the Prince, now grown to manhood, and restore him to the throne. We next see Fadleen, unconscious of his rightful heritage, living in great poverty with his old nurse, Palma. But Fadleen has a dream which induces him to wander in the mountains, where, seeking for eggs, he finds one of pearl and encounters a sorceress, Nocta, who informs him that the egg of pearl is a talisman that will bestow beauty and eternal youth on its possessor. Nocta tries to make a catspaw of Fadleen, who, however, is too knowing for the sorceress, and gives her a stone in a egg instead of the magic pearl. Then a tremendous incantation scene takes place, and we feel ourselves in the very midst of an Arabian Night's entertainment, when the scene changes, and Fadleen is once more in his little cabin in company with his old nurse, who takes advantage of the magic pearl to change herself into a youthful beauty; but Fadleen is anxious to make money by it, and seeks in the grand square of Delhi the bazaar of a dealer in curiosities in order to sell it. But meanwhile the Rajah has issued a decree that all who deal in witchcraft or charms shall be put to death alive, and Fadleen, having sold the magic pearl to Hassan, makes his escape, the first act ending with a lively concerted piece. In the second act the Spirit of the Himalayas once more appears—indeed, she very often appears—and manages

for it. It was rather a wonder that there was any interference at all, as every day a score of ladies sport themselves in the water with almost equal disregard of conventionalities of costume. When this sensation was over, a fine-looking gentleman, who had exhibited considerable interest in the incident, came and sat at the same table with myself. He had with him a beautiful boy, with whom he conversed in a whisper. The gentleman and the boy got up and went down to the beach. They entered a bathing machine together; but when they came out of it into the sea the boy had expanded to a young woman, who darted through the surf like a silver-fish."

A REJECTED LOVER KILLS HIMSELF.—A tragedy was enacted in the office of County Clerk Jacob H. Blanbelt, at Paterson, N. J., Oct. 13, which created great excitement throughout that city. The chief actor therein was Edward B. English, who, after entering the office and exchanging a few words with acquaintances among the employes, suddenly drew a revolver, and, placing it to his head, fired, the ball entering the brain, though death was not instantaneous. He was raised from the floor by the horrified spectators of the deed, and Dr. Barnes sent for, who probed the wound and pronounced it fatal. The unfortunate young man—his age was but twenty-one—was then conveyed to the hospital, where he soon afterwards expired. Coroner Amitaux took charge of his personal effects, among which was found the following note, affording a clue to the cause which led him to the commission of the crime:

I wish my body sent to Horace L. English, Alexandria, Virginia. Etta Ford knows all. May God bless her through life and keep her from all harm and danger. My mind is as sound as ever. EDWARD ENGLISH.

Paterson, N. J., Octo'er.

Etta Ford is the daughter of Captain Ed. Ford of Clark street. When she heard of the tragedy she fainted several times in succession, and subsequently lapsed into a condition of exhaustion and prostration. She refused to tell the cause of the tragedy, but it is known that she had refused English's marriage proposals. Her answer was made known to him on Sunday night. He then said that he could not live without her, and that he should shoot himself. He ate no breakfast next morning, but went direct to the clerk's office. His parents live in Alexandria, Va., where his father has held several important offices, as treasurer, as mayor, etc. The young man had relatives who reside in New York and New Jersey.

THE FIRST BABY.—They are in a state of great excitement in Breckinridge, Minn. This youthful but flourishing town has had its first baby. The shops were closed, the field-hands had a day's holiday, and turnips, carrots and beets lay idle in the market wagons. The solitary prisoner in the log jail was allowed to roam about in his cell without his meals, and the cry of "mad bull" passed by unheeded. It was, in the language of the local journal, "a bright day for Breckinridge, and gave it a place among the brotherhood of nations." The baby, when born, weighed one pound and a quarter, but when it was two weeks old it had gained two pounds. It was only six inches long, and a common tumbler would cover it. This is a small baby, it is true, but Breckinridge is a small place; besides, it is young, and cannot be expected to produce such large babies as older towns. But it is a thriving baby, or it would not have gained two pounds in as many weeks. At this rate, it will weigh fifty pounds at the end of a year; and by the time it is 10 years old it will pull down the scales at 520 pounds. So it will be seen that, although Breckinridge has begun modestly, it has begun well, and the greatest hopes may be entertained regarding its future progress.

A DISHONORED HUSBAND'S REVENGE.—A special dispatch from Carrollton, Mo., gives an account of a terrible tragedy enacted near there. Robert Austin, a young farmer, residing about eight miles from Carrollton, suspected his wife of infidelity, and on Friday last left home on the pretext that he was going to the St. Louis Fair and would be absent several days. He went to the depot, but returned home after dark, and secreted himself in a closet in his wife's bedroom, armed with a double-barreled shot-gun. His wife soon retired, and shortly after Elijah Haley entered the room and undressed himself. As he was getting into the bed, Austin sprang out and fired, but missed Haley, and the shot entered his wife's abdomen. Austin fired again at Haley, and killed him instantly. Mrs. Austin died on Saturday afternoon. Austin surrendered to the authorities. All parties are highly connected.

OUTRAGE AND MURDER.—A dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., dated Oct. 13, says: "Near Boydsville, Weakly County, Tenn., last week eight or ten armed men went to a citizen's house and took a negro girl out into the woods, and each outraged her. They did not attempt to disguise themselves, and carried their victim but a short distance from the house. The couple with whom the girl lived were powerless to prevent the outrage, and were compelled to listen to the agonizing shrieks of the helpless creature. Her body was found soon after the degraded beasts had left, most horribly mangled, and life extinct. It is stated that the facts were never reported to the authorities, and that the body was buried without any legal examination. Efforts were made to hush up the matter because of the alleged respectability of some of the participants in the outrage."

THE NEW JERSEY ABORTION CASE.—On Oct. 13 the inquest on the body of unfortunate Ida Vail was concluded before Coroner Parslow, at the City Hall, Jersey City, N. J. Frederick Crosier, son of Mrs. Metzler, testified that he called occasionally at his mother's residence in Erie street; knew Ida Vail was there; was told by his mother that Ida had a fit, and that her husband, named Lawrence, had been there the evening before she died. Crozier could not understand why his mother should adopt the name of Metzler except as a matter of convenience. The jury rendered a verdict that Ida Vail came to her death from injuries inflicted by Dr. Cummins, assisted by Mrs. Metzler, and that Kimball was an accessory. The case will next turn up in the courts.

AN INSULT AVENGED.—A dispatch from Memphis, Tenn., dated Oct. 14, says: "This afternoon James D. Young shot at C. G. Thompson three times, each shot taking effect. Thompson insulted Young's sisters a week ago, and to-day visited Young and used abusive language, and made demonstrations as if to draw his pistol, when Young commenced shooting. Thompson's wounds are painful but not serious. Young's sisters are respectable sewing girls."

CHARLES B. ABBOTT of North Reading, Mass., was arrested Oct. 14, and lodged in Cambridge Jail on a complaint charging him with being the father of a child to whom his own daughter, eighteen years old, gave birth the day previously.

CHARLES B. FULLER, convicted of assault with intent to commit rape upon the person of his step-daughter, a child of 12 years, was sentenced to four years in the State Prison at Rockland, Me., Oct. 14.

AQUATIC.

YALE FALL REGATTA.

The annual Fall regatta of the Yale College Boat Club was held on Wednesday, Oct. 15, on Lake Saltonstall, a few miles from New Haven, Ct., about two thousand spectators assembling to witness the sport, which was first-rate, four races being included in the programme. First came the contest between the Hopkins Grammar-school crew and the Russell's C. C. Institute crew, for six silver badges valued at $60, distance two miles, one turn. Up to the turning point the race was interesting, but here the Grammar-school crew made a pour turn, losing considerable, and their opponents went ahead, winning easily in 14:16¾, seven lengths ahead. The single-scull race for the Southworst Cup, valued at $300, same course, followed, and had five starters, viz., R. J. Cook, P. A. Vernon, A. Wilcox, W. Martin, W. C. Hall. Capt. Cook jumped away with the lead, and was never headed, winning by four seconds in 15:29¼. A. Wilcox second, Hall third, Martin fourth, Vernon last. A six-oared barge race, for six silver goblets, value $60, same course, four starters, was third on the list. It was won by the Scientifics, their time being 13:38, nine seconds ahead of the '75 crew, who led '74 forty-two and three-quarter seconds. The last race was between shell boats, six-oared, pulled by the '74 and '76 crews. This was the best race of the day, the boats being well together until near the end of the course, when the latter, which they had gained after rounding the stakeboat, winning by about four lengths in 19:23¾. Judges—H. R. Elliott, T. G. Evans, L. N. Johnson, Clarence Deming, S. C. Bushnell, J. A. Post and T. Sellers. Timekeepers, T. D. Cuyler and W. Kelly.

DEATH OF A JOURNALIST.—Among those on board the schooner-yacht Alarm during the recent ocean race for the Bennett Cup and Purses was Thomas Godwin, a newspaper reporter, who, in consequence of the heavy weather, became violently sick before reaching the Five-fathom Lightship, and the commander of the vessel, Commodore Kingsland, ran her into Cape May, where medical attendance was procured. It was discovered that Mr. Godwin had ruptured a blood vessel in the head, which brought on an attack of apoplexy, and after lingering until the night of the 13th inst. he expired. His body was brought to this city for interment, and his funeral took place from the residence of his son-in-law, on East Twenty-seventh street, Oct. 15. Deceased was an Englishman by birth, and in his younger days was employed in the capacity of reporter upon several journals published in London, confining himself almost entirely to the preparation of sporting intelligence, especially cricket. He arrived in this country about a score of years ago, and soon afterwards applied for a position upon the reportorial staff of THE CLIPPER, but his services were not required. He then figured upon the cricket and baseball field, at the racecourse, etc., as reporter for different metropolitan dailies, continuing as such up to the day of his demise, having latterly been connected with the American Press Association. As a writer, he was possessed of considerable ability. His age at the period of his death is said to have been sixty-seven years, though he looked much younger.

FATAL YACHTING ACCIDENT.—A very sad accident, attended with fatal consequences, occurred on the North River at half-past six o'clock P. M., on Wednesday, Oct. 15. The yacht Julia of the New Jersey Yacht Club, while returning from the annual Fall regatta of that organization, was run into and sunk when opposite the Pavonia ferry-house by the ferry-boat James Fish, Jr., then on her way from Twenty-third street to the Erie Railroad depot. The pilot of the ferryboat did not perceive the yacht until it was too late to avoid a collision, and the ill-fated vessel was struck amidships, sinking at once. The life-boat was immediately lowered, and preservers and ropes thrown to the crew, three of whom—W. Shippen, Jr., Geo. Smith and Wm. Schroeder—were rescued, the two former uninjured, and the last-named with several wounds in the head, caused by being struck on the head by the paddle-wheel. He was taken from the water in an exhausted condition by the hands on board a tug-boat and afterward transferred to the ferryboat. Medical aid was summoned upon reaching shore, and after his wounds had been dressed the unfortunate man was removed in a carriage to his residence in Hoboken. The only other man on the yacht was ex-Commodore Morton, who could not be found after the collision, and it is supposed that he was struck by the paddle and drowned. This sad termination of the regatta turned joy into sorrow, and cast a shadow upon the hearts of the yachtmen, who were all much attached to ex-Commodore Morton and deeply mourn his death.

A LONG AND STRONG PULL.—A cable dispatch informs us that Mr. Reginald Herbert, who matched himself to row from Maidenhead, on the Thames, to Westminster Bridge, London, Eng., in twelve hours, for £1,000 a side, won his wager very easily on Oct. 15. Starting at T. A. M., he reached the end of his journey at 4 P. M., the distance being exactly forty-seven miles and three furlongs. He was allowed to have his boat carried over the ten locks on the route, with the help of two men at each.

THE BARGE RACE between the Palisade and Vesper Clubs of Yonkers, N. Y., is arranged to take place on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 23. The steamer Virginia Seymour, chartered by the Vespers, will leave the Gas-house dock at 2:45 P. M.

THE EVA, one of the schooner yachts which started in the ocean race to Five Fathom lightship off Cape May, N. J., and failed to return, arrived at the residence of her owner, at Burlington, on the Delaware, Oct. 12, in a disabled condition. In this race a private match for a $250 cup was also decided between this vessel and the Clio.

A SWIMMING MATCH for £50, distance 480 yards, took place at the Lambeth Baths, London, Eng., Sept 29, the contestants being T. Morris, who won the amateur championship four years ago, and young Beckwith, aged 16, and a son of Prof. Beckwith. Morris won by about a dozen yards in 7 min. 18 2-5 seconds, the best time upon record.

C. M. HENRY AND JOHN KENNEDY rowed a three-mile race in single-scull shells, for the championship of Portland (Me.,) harbor and a silver cup, on the 14th inst. Henry again won, his time being 16:40.

WE HAVE A LETTER for John Biglin.

THE TURF.

JEROME PARK FALL RACES.

The fourth day of the Jerome Park races on Wednesday, the 15th inst., was distinguished by the same beautiful weather which had previously favored the meeting of the American Jockey Club. The attendance was large. The programme of the day's sport included seven races. The starting in every event was highly satisfactory, the club having secured the services of Capt. William Conner of the Louisiana Jockey Club, to officiate in that difficult and responsible capacity.

THE THREE-YEAR-OLD PURSE

of $500, one mile and a quarter, with the entrance money, $25 each, to the second horse, had ten entries and nine runners. The conditions of the race virtually rendered it a handicap, for fillies were to carry 105lb; beaten maidens allowed 5lb; and winners of $1,000, 7lb; and of $2,000, 10lb extra. The starters were Hitchcock's ch. c. Limestone, by War Dance, 105lb; Gov. Bowie's b. c. Catesby, by Eclipse, 110lb; Lorrillard's b. c. Cariboo, by Lexington, 105lb; McDaniels & Co.'s ch. f. Cora Linn, by Lexington, 100lb; Wilson's ch. c. Mart Jordan, by Revolver, 113lb; Littell's br. c. Wizard, by Concord, 110lb; Babcock's b. c. Ransom, by Asteroid, 105lb; Belmont's b. f. Medora, by Kentucky, 105lb; Lewis & Co.'s ch. f. The Governess, by Planet, 105lb. Pools averaged as below:

Catesby	$310	$400	$300	$300
Wizard	100	70	70	70
Cariboo	75	70	90	90
Mart Jordan	40	70	60	45
Ransom	50	55	55	40
The Field	150	80	75	90
Totals	$705	$745	$630	$635

A capital start was effected at the first attempt, Cariboo, Catesby and Wizard being in front directly after the fall of the flag. Halfway up the stretch Wizard took the lead, and was a length ahead of Cariboo as they passed under the string, Catesby and Mart Jordan being the two next, a length before the next division, comprising Ransom, Limestone, The Governess, Medora and Cora Linn, the last named being the whipper-in. At the turn the horses began to string out in Indian file, Wizard still leading the field a clear length, and Cariboo second, as far before the favorite. They ran without change past the stables and around the club-house bluff, where Wizard showed a disposition to cut it; but Barbee keeping him resolutely at work, he retained the lead around the lower turn into the homestretch, where he gave way to Cariboo, who looked all over the winner up the straight, until Hayward brought up Catesby full of running on the outside midway opposite the grand stand, when a neck-and-neck struggle lasting to the string terminated in Catesby winning by a short head, Cariboo second, two lengths before Cora Linn; Mart Jordan fourth, Wizard next, Limestone sixth, Ransom seventh, Medora eighth, and The Governess last. Time, 2:34.

THE TWO-YEAR-OLD RACE,

for a purse of $500, with the 5 per cent. entrance money to the second horse, three-quarters of a mile, had five starters. The conditions were similar to the preceding race, colts carrying 100lb, fillies 97lb, beaten maidens allowed 5lb, and winners of $500 to carry 3lb; of $1,000, 7lb; and of $2,000, 12lb extra. Five remarkably fine-looking youngsters came to the post, none of which had won before. These were McDaniels & Co.'s bay colt by Asteroid out of the once famous mare Sue Washington, carrying 95lb; Sanford's b. f. Lava, 97lb, by Australian (a full sister to Holmbold); Lloyd's bay colt, by Australian, out of Ultima, 95lb; Chamberlin's ch. c. Weathercock, by Australian, 95lb; and Wither's imported ch. c. Macaroon, by the Derby winner Macaroni, 95lb. The race was a spirited betting one, each stable supporting its representative freely; but at the finish the McDaniels colt left off the favorite. We give a few of the last pools sold:

McDaniels	$200	$370	$600	$250
Weathercock	200	275	410	150
Lloyd	200	200	490	170
Lava	130	130	145	80
Macaroon	150	145	100	60
Totals	$880	$1,200	$1,735	$710

The difficult task of getting a lot of youngsters off was quickly effected to a capital start. Weathercock was first off, closely followed by McDaniels' colt Macaroon, Lloyd's colt and Lava last. Going around the bluff, Macaroon assumed the lead, and was half a length before Weathercock at the half-mile post, McDaniels' and Lloyd's colts being close up. On the lower turn, Weathercock got to Macaroon's saddle-girths, and a fine struggle, lasting to the furlong-pole, ensued between them. Here Hughes drew his whip on Weathercock, who, answering to punishment, swerved right across the track to the inside rails. This seemed to leave the race to Macaroon, when suddenly a new and formidable opponent appeared. Clark brought up the Asteroid colt with such a rush that in a few strides he collared and challenged Macaroon, and, after one of the most brilliant sets-to ever witnessed, beat him to the wire by a short half head, Lloyd's colt third, two lengths behind, and Lava head-and-head with Weathercock, as far behind him. Time, 1:18¾.

THE TWO-MILE HANDICAP,

a sweepstakes of $40 each, with $800, of which $200 went to the second horse, had eight acceptances, and all started except Mr. Littell's Fellowcraft. These were McDaniels & Co.'s Harry Bassett, 118lb, and his Katie Pease, 91lb; Belmont's Victoria, 98lb; Lawrence's Village Blacksmith, 108lb; Glenn's Merodac, 95lb; Weldon's Warlike, 91lb; and Chamberlin's Wheatly, 99lb. The McDaniels entry was made a strong favorite over the field, the Confederacy putting on the money heavily, and the knowing ones following suit. Pools sold as under:

McDaniels	$510	$515	$400	$565
Field	370	350	300	325
Totals	$880	$865	$700	$890

A capital start was had, Harry Bassett's immense stride enabling him to show in front directly the flag fell. He cut out the running at a strong pace, leading Warlike a length around the turn, Wheatly third, three lengths off, and the rest in a bunch, with Katie Pease last of all. In going around the bluff, Village Blacksmith passed Wheatly and closed on Warlike. Basset kept up his long swinging stride across the lower turn and up the stretch, leading Victoria a length at the turn, and a length under the wire on the first mile. Blacksmith as far behind the latter, Wheatly fourth, Victoria next, and Katie Pease still last. On the turn past the picnic grounds, Clark pulled Katie Pease to the extreme outside, and, loosening his hold of her bridle, she instantly shot past Merodac, Wheatly and Victoria, and laid handy to take Bassett's place in the event of his giving way. But the hero was this day in his old form, and, galloping along with a strong lead to the finish, won cleverly by half a length from his stable companion Katie Pease, who, passing her horses on the homestretch, secured the second money by a head from Merodac, who beat Wheatly a length; Victoria next, and Village Blacksmith last. Time, 3:39¾, being the fastest that two miles have ever been run in with 118lb up. Value of the stakes $1,120.

THE SELLING PURSE

of $400, one mile and an eighth, the winner to be sold at auction, and all the surplus, together with the entrance money, to go to the second horse, was the next event. Horses entered to be sold for $750, allowed 3lb; for $500, allowed 7lb; and for $250, allowed 12lb. There were six entries, viz., Denohue's Hoodlum, Hall of O'Neil, 4 yrs., entered at $250 and carrying 93lb; Sanford's Mildew, 4 yrs., entered for $750, and carrying 102lb; Bell's Winesap, 5 yrs., $250, 96lb; McKee's Minnie Mac, 3 yrs., $1,000, 92lb; McDaniels' Constant, 4 yrs., $250, 96lb; and Peet's Ophelia, 4 yrs., $750, 102lb. The talent selected Mildew as the favorite in the pools, but the outside public strongly supported the popular filly Minnie Mac, and she sold close up with Mr. Sanford's horse, as the subjoined pools will show:

Mildew	$400	$600	$400	$600
Minnie Mac	355	450	420	550
Hattie O'Neil	80	200	110	80
Field	95	150	105	120
Totals	$930	$1,400	$1,035	$1,350

When the flag fell, Hattie O'Neil, making the best use of her light weight, trotted to the front, and cut out the running, leading Minnie Mac a length as they went past the stand, the others bunched together. On the upper turn Minnie Mac rushed past Hattie O'Neil, and opened a gap of three lengths as they skirted the Club-house bluff. Mildew made a vigorous effort to collar her on the lower turn, but the filly was never reached, and galloped home an easy winner by three lengths, Mildew second, as far before Winesap, Constant fourth, Hattie O'Neil fifth, and Ophelia last. The winner, entered for $1,000, was put up at auction, and quickly ran up to $1,310, at which price she was bought in, the surplus $310 going to the owner of the second horse, as well as the $140 entrance money. By this proceeding Mr. Sanford, who ran second, actually receives $50 more than the winner, the purse being only $400. Time of the race, 2:01.

THE MATCH FOR $2,000,

between McDaniels' Cora Linn, 3 yrs., by Lexington, and Bell & Co.'s imp. Cross the Sea by Ely, a dash of one mile and three-quarters, followed. Cross the Sea was brought to England for the Colonel, but not turning out to expectations, he sold him to Messrs. Bell and Brewster, who, fancying him a better horse than the veteran trainer estimated him, matched him for $1,000 a side against Cora Linn. The following pools will show the betting:

Cora Linn	$250	$410	$300	$275
Cross the Sea	75	100	70	75
Totals	$275	$510	$370	$350

Cora Linn took the lead at the fall of the flag, was never approached, and won easily by four lengths in 3:31¼.

THE $1,000 MATCH

between Mr. Belmont's Gray Planet and Mr. Lorillard's Girl of the Period, carrying each 105lb, a dash of half a mile, created no little interest, the odds being the favorite:

Gray Planet	$320	$210	$510	$500
Girl of the Period	200	145	360	300
Totals	$520	$355	$870	$800

Gray Planet jumped off in front directly the flag fell, and never gave his backers the slightest uneasiness as to the result, as he won easily by three lengths in 50½ seconds.

THE STEEPLE CHASE,

a handicap, for a purse of $800, of which the second horse received $200, brought out five runners: Geo. West, 4 yrs., 136lb, ridden by Gaffney; Mary Clark, 5 yrs., 147lb, ridden by Sutcliffe; Buck, 4 yrs., 140lb, with Griffin in the saddle; Bibaldia, 4 yrs., 148lb, ridden by Murphy; and Impecunious, 5 yrs., 142lb, ridden by Hyland. Pools sold as under:

George West	$500	$460	$320	$300
Buck	90	150	170	90
Mary Clark	50	140	340	180
Impecunious	100	105	205	80
Field	45	50	50	20
Totals	$825	$905	$1,285	$670

Mary Clark took the lead after taking the first hurdle, and quickly opened a wide gap on her followers, Impecunious being second, Bibaldia and George West the two next, and the first circuit was made in this order. Mary Clark's lead was diminished as they ascended the hill on the picnic grounds, and in the south field she was passed by George West. A magnificent race between the pair resulted in favor of George West by a length in 5:37¾, Buck third, a hundred yards behind Mary Clark, and Bibaldia fourth, Impecunious walking in last. It was one of the most exciting steeplechases of the season.

THE ANNUAL Fall trotting meeting at Mystic Park, Boston, Mass., was held last week, commencing Oct. 14 and closing on the 17th. The attendance was encouraging to the management. Six horses started in the first race—the three-minute purse, $200—mile heats, three in five, in harness. It was won by D. A. Snell's bay mare Belle of Vermont in three straight heats. Time, 2:38; 2:33; 2:37¾. A purse of $300, open to 2:29 horses, was then contested for by six horses, the conditions being the same as in the first race. D. Bigley's ch. m. Fanny won, taking the first, fourth and fifth heats, Col. Moulton capturing the second and third. Time, 2:29; 2:31; 2:30½; 2:32½; 2:32. Sport was resumed on the 15th with a trot between 2:45 horses for $200, same conditions. It had five starters, the winner being H. Brock's ch. g. Folly, who took the third, fourth and fifth heats, the first and second going to Kenoza Boy. Time, 2:45; 2:43; 2:43½; 2:43¼; 2:43½. The horses entered for the 2:27 purse, $300, were then called into line, seven responding. It was won by D. Bowen's Kate Gilbert, who carried off the second, sixth and seventh heats, Bennett's Deacon taking the first heat, Brown Kenney the third and fourth, and Modoc Chief the fifth. Time, 2:33½; 2:35; 2:37; 2:37½; 2:33½; 2:37; 2:39. The race for 2:50 horses opened the sport on the third day, it being for a purse of $200, same conditions. The successful horse was D. Bigley's bl. m. Tontine Bell, Modoc Chief second, Thought third. Time, 2:45; 2:44; 2:42; 2:42½. Next came the 2:33 race, $360, same conditions, with three starters. J. A. Dustin's b. g. Dustin Jim won, Flora Belle taking second money, and Brown Kenney third. Time, 2:37; 2:37; 2:37½; 2:37; 2:37½. The opening event on the closing day was for 2:40 horses, purse $300, for which six started, G. S. Locke's w. m. Pearl winning, Deacon resik second money and Green Mountain Maid third. Time, 2:35; 2:38; 2:36½; 2:39. The meeting was brought to an end with a trot for $500, open to stallions who had never beaten 2:30, only two contestants appearing. It was won by J. R. Mettler's br. s. Rex Patchen in three straight heats, beating Col. Moulton. Time, 2:32½; 2:30; 2:34½.

DESTRUCTION OF A RACING STABLE.—A telegram from Manchester, N. H., brings intelligence of the destruction by fire of the large and valuable stables and other outbuildings at Goffstown, which were owned and occupied by David M. Taggart, the well-known New England turfman. Seventeen valuable horses, including Mr. Taggart's young stallion Ned Hastings, also a pair of oxen, three cows and some swine, perished in the flames. Mr. Taggart was absent in Boston. The fire was discovered at 12 o'clock P. M., Oct. 13, by Arthur, the son of Mr. Taggart, who was lying awake and saw the reflection of the flames upon the windows of his bedroom. He rushed out of doors, and found the stable completely on fire. He found that Mr. Hoche's hostler and assistant slept in the stable had been alarmed and were endeavoring to save the horses. Old Abdallah, the famous stallion, was saved, but the smoke was so suffocating that all efforts to save the others were unavailing. A portion of the furniture in the house was saved, but several carriages, the farming tools, a considerable amount of hay and other property, were destroyed. Among the horses burned were two broodmares, one of which belonged to a gentleman in Cambridgeport and one to a gentleman in Keene. The buildings, which were in excellent condition, were of the value of about $10,000. Ned Hastings, the son of Abdallah, was six years old, and was valued at $15,000, and Mr. Taggart had several valuable broodmares burned, among which was Dinah. The larger number of the horses destroyed were Abdallah colts, one and two years old. The total amount of insurance upon the buildings and personal property, live stock, etc., amounts to $8,000. The insurance was in the North British and the Republic of New York and the Merchants' of Providence. It is the general opinion that the fire was set by an incendiary. Only about a fortnight previously an unoccupied house belonging to Mr. Taggart, within a few feet of the stable, was set on fire and destroyed.

TWO MATCH TROTS.—There was quite a large assemblage of turfites and others at the track of the Westchester Agricultural and Horticultural Society, White Plains, N. Y., on the 14th inst., when the match between M. H. Whipple's bay gelding Lookout and O. Bort's bay mare Carrie, which had been several times postponed, was decided. The former was the favorite previous to the send-off; but had the mare trotted more steadily, it was thought that she would have carried the day, as she twice lost a heat by breaking when in the lead and within a few yards of the score. In the second heat she ran over the score a neck before Lookout, and the judges declared it a dead heat. Summary:

WHITE PLAINS, WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1873.—Match, $2,000; mile heats, three in five, in harness.

M. H. Whipple's b. g. Lookout	1	2	1	1
O. Bort's b. m. Carrie	2	1	2	2

Time, 2:41; 2:37½; 2:37½; 2:34½; 2:34½.

This was succeeded by a match for $200 between B. Cole's bay mare Ruth and Dr. Cook's bay mare Celia; same conditions. The latter cast a shoe in the first heat, and was distanced. Time, 2:52½.

BASEBALL.

MUTUAL vs. BALTIMORE.

These clubs played their last championship game together on Oct. 14 on the Union Grounds, on which occasion, the weather being very fine, about a thousand persons were gathered within the inclosure to witness the match. The previous Chicago defeat of the Baltimores by the Mutuals had put the latter in the market as strong favorites, odds of 100 to 50 being offered. The Baltimores presented a nine which included Hastings as catcher, and Craver at short field, the position he occupied in the early Radcliffe being left out, from his inability to throw well. The Canaries came on the field in red shirts, looking like old-time "fire boys." Whether this change of attire had any effect or not on their play, deponent saith not; but the result of the contest was a decided lifting of the red above the white, the "red shirts" polishing off the "green stockings" in fine style to the tune of 12 to 2. In fact, but for fielding errors in the sixth and ninth innings the Mutuals would have visited "Chicago," as they scored in these two innings only, and did not earn a run in the entire game.

The Mutuals went first to the bat, and they were retired in one-two-three order by the sharp fielding of Force, Carey and Mills. The former making a handsome double-play. Hastings led off on the Baltimore side with a hot one to Hatfield, who threw swift and low to Start, who could not hold the ball in consequence, and Hastings had a life given him. Craver then hit safe and made his base, Hastings getting round to the home plate from third on Start's take, and Carey followed with a ball to Craver, who by a bad throw to second had been sent to third. Hatfield held the ball, uncertain whether to put the striker out or cut off Craver. He concluded to capture Craver; and after the latter had dodged well, so as to insure Carey's safety at first base, he ran home and slipped in a run, owing to Hatfield's hot and low throw to Higham, Craver playing his point very neatly. Unless a player is forced to leave third by the striker's hit, if the ball be easily fielded to third-base-man, there is time for it to travel to first and back in time before the runner from third can get in, in which case it is best to throw it to first. But hesitation spoils the play—as it did in this case. York now came to the rescue with a splendid grounder to right centre; and after Force had been well caught out on a foul by Gedney, Hall hit a high one to the Club-house for two bases, and two runs were added to the score. Mills then sent a high fly for Gedney to catch, and ended the inning.

This opened the game with a very important lead for the Baltimores, and those who had invested at such odds on the "Greens" began to support the Reds" freely. Pike led off with a base-hit, and Force and Mills disposed of the Mutuals almost in succession, Nelson interrupting the outs with a good base-hit, he batting very finely this past month. This time the "Red Shirts" failed to score, and so the second inning closed with the same score of 4 to 0.

Gedney opened the third inning with a good hit, and a "now-we're-off" kind of feeling prevailed in the Mutual ranks for a short time. Holdsworth, however, hit high to centre field, and the active Hall got under the ball in his usual style, and by Eggler's taking to cover, Gedney was forced out, and as Higham gave Hall a chance for a catch, another blank was scored. Pike led off on the other side with a ball to Eggler, and retired. Carey then hit an easy one to Hatfield, who threw the ball on the bound to Joe, and the latter missed it. York then hit a bounder along the line of the first base, and had a life given him, and on a passed ball the second and third bases were covered. Force then hit high to Martin and retired; but on Hall's good hit two men came in, Mills closing the inning with a high ball to Martin, well taken. This left the score at 6 to 0, and things began to have a serious look for the New Yorks, as the Baltimores were only fielding sharply in all their positions, but they were handling the ash against Matthews' swift delivery in far more effective style than usual.

The fourth inning saw two bases given the Mutuals by Martin and Craver, the latter offset his error by capturing one of the fugitives at third, a fine foul-fly catch by York and a good catch by Hall preventing any runs being obtained. On the Baltimore side, however, two more runs were scored, one being earned; Brainard, Craver and Pike making base hits, the latter now by Higham's assistance. The latter did not catch as well as usual, owing to very sore hands, and Matthews sent in some ripping balls in this game. This left the score at 8 to 0, and now things began to have something of a Chicagoish look for the Mutuals.

In the fifth inning Nelson led off with a safe hit, but Martin gave York a chance for a catch, Matthews forced Nelson out, and Gedney hit a high foul for Force; so another blank was scored—the fifth in succession. Force led off for Baltimore with a high ball to Eggler, who dropped it—a bad day for the Mutuals—and after this, Hall, Mills and Brainard hit in lively style for bases, after Hastings had given Craver a chance. Al. fielding brilliantly in this game. Craver hit safe, and the fourth run was scored, two being earned, an error of Martin's and a high throw in of Gedney's helping things. This left the totals at 12 to 0 in favor of Baltimore, and with a victory almost assured.

In the fifth inning Holdsworth led off with a two-baser, and on Eggler's safe hit he got to third. Had Craver held the ball he stopped so well from Eggler's bat, Holdsworth would have been kept at third. Instead, however, he threw it uselessly to Mills, and, throwing it wild, a run was scored. By Higham's taking in the ball Eggler was put out at home base in fine style by Hastings; and as Hatfield was caught by Pike, but for Craver's mistake a blank would have been scored. As it was, by Start's hit and a muff by Carey, two men got in. This broke the ice and saved the Mutuals a trip to Chicago. After this, neither scored a run until the ninth inning, when an error of Craver's in letting a ball go through his legs, and a muff of Mills', the Mutuals escaped a blank; afterwards, by good batting, they got in two runs, the final result being the success of the Baltimores by a score of 12 to 4. Gedney bore off the fielding honors on the Mutual side with the unusual number of *ten* fly catches. Force leading on the other side; Hall, Craver and Nelson leading at the bat. The following is the score of the series:

May 5, Baltimore vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn	6	to	1	
May 15, Baltimore vs. Mutual, at Baltimore	11		2	
May 16, Baltimore vs. Mutual, at Baltimore	12		6	
May 27, Baltimore vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn	7		6	
Aug. 12, Baltimore vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn	7		2	
Oct. 14, Baltimore vs. Mutual, at Brooklyn	12		4	
June 13, Mutual vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore	11		8	
July 24, Mutual vs. Baltimore, at Baltimore	11		10	
Oct. 10, Mutual vs. Baltimore, at Brooklyn	7		0	

The score of Tuesday's game is as follows:

MUTUAL.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.	BALTIMORE.	R.	I.B.	P.O.	A.
Eggler, c f	0	2	3	0	Hastings, c	1	0	2	0
Higham, c	1	0	3	1	Craver, s s	2	3	4	4
Hatfield, 3d b	1	1	2	0	Pike, r f	0	1	1	0
Start, 1st b	1	2	6	0	Carey, 2d b	2	0	2	5
Nelson, 2d b	0	0	2	1	York, l f	2	0	2	0
Martin, r f	0	1	2	0	Force, 3d b	1	0	2	5
Matthews, p	0	0	0	0	Hall, c f	1	3	3	0
Gedney, l f	0	1	10	0	Mills, 1st b	1	1	11	0
Holdsworth, s s	0	1	1	1	Brainard, p	2	2	0	1
Totals	4	11	27	4	Totals	12	11	27	15

Mutual	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	—4
Baltimore	4	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	—12

First base by errors—Mutual, 4; Baltimore, 5. Runs earned—Mutual, 0; Baltimore, 3. Total fielding errors—Mutual, 13; Baltimore, 9. Umpire—Mr. C. Mills, Atlantic Club. Time—1h. 50m.

BOSTON vs. ATLANTIC.
The Championship Settled.

The championship question was practically decided on Oct. 17 by the Boston Club, the occasion being their decisive victory over the Atlantics in Brooklyn, when they played their last championship match together. This made the Boston score 37 to the Philadelphia's 32, leaving the "Reds" five games in the van, and as the Whites then had but five more games to play, if they were to win all, they could not lead the Boston score; while the latter are almost certain to win at least three of their five games of the current week. So, when the "Reds" left Brooklyn on Oct. 17 they retired from the field the champion nine of the United States for 1874 as well as 1873, for by the law they fly the whip pennant during the whole of the ensuing season.

The game opened very prettily, and at first it promised to be a close and exciting contest, inasmuch as when the Atlantics closed the first part of the fourth innings the score stood at 2 to 2 only, four double plays in the first three innings showing how well the field was being attended to. George Wright and Barnes figured in the two on the Boston side by handsomely-fielded balls, and Pearce, Ferguson and Burdock on the other side, Ferguson making a splendid pick-up with one hand, and putting Harry out at third. In the 4th inning of the Bostons, the "Reds" began to handle the ash in new style, with some splendid right-field hits—the most effective next to legitimate fair-fouls and they punished Britt for six earned runs, eight being scored. This, of course, settled the question of the victory; but, to insure it, the "Reds" went in heavy again on Britt in the sixth inning, adding another eight to their score, seven of which were earned. In this inning, Ferguson went in to pitch, instead of trying Pabor's left-handed delivery, and the "Reds" hit him almost as hard. It is not worth while to describe the contest further. Suffice it to say that the Atlantics scored alternate singles and blanks, giving a total of four runs only, of which one was earned, and that the Reds scored 21 in three innings, and three more in two. Burdock scored all four of the Atlantic runs, but Pabor led at the bat. For the "Reds," Harry Wright astonished the crowd by his batting, two clean four

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INTRODUCTORY OVERTURE.

MONDAY, Oct. 20, '73.

There is commotion in the theatrical world. Things are not moving along with that smoothness and clock-time precision which metropolitan managers so delight in. The business at our first-class theatres is queer, and zealous treasurers see but little of that currency which erstwhile did greet their visage, which to them seems passing strange, indeed. "What is the cause of this apparent lethargy on the part of the people?" Well, in the first place, there are too many theatres, or not enough people to fill them—you can take your choice of either horn. Add again, the very high tariff of admission drives away the people. For one dollar and a half you can secure a comfortable seat—short of this sum you are not certain of a decent sit-down. Recently, while sauntering around in one of our best theatres, we observed a gentleman with a controversy with an usher. It seemed that the gentleman had invested a dollar in the show, but having no show for his money, in consequence of being placed in an out-of-the-way part of the dress-circle, he mildly asked the usher if he could take one of the many more favor-bly situated seats then unoccupied. "No, sir; you cannot," quoth the usher. "Why not?" inquired this obstinate man, "because they are all taken," returned the official, and he left the other party in a quandary. Well, the seats that were "all taken" remained unoccupied during the entire performance, and the man who paid his way in order to have a look at what was passing on the stage was stuck. Such is the unpleasure position. But managers are beginning to realize the situation—beginning to see how they are going against their own interests in the matter of keeping the people out in the cold; and, so observing, an effort is about being made to remedy the evil complained of. To this end, Manager Daly has reduced his prices to the Grand Opera-house, and now you can get the best seats in the house for one dollar each, and excellent seats in the dress circle and elsewhere for fifty cents; while you can be seated in the family circle for thirty cents—which should have been reduced to thirty. Taking the cue from Mr. Daly, the manager of Booth's Theatre throws a sop to the people by offering them a reserved seat in the *family* circle *for seventy-five cents*, which is high enough, in all conscience, for such a limitation. It would have looked better had a reduction been made in other parts of the house, for this solitary "poor man's plaster" will not draw. "Paper" is made to pass for currency at the theatres, and while the theatre-goer makes his way to the port-hole where the treasurer takes money, at the same time to pass right to the "doorkeeper's" gate handing in their "coupons," to the shame and mortification of the "lynx eyed Cerberus," as all doorkeepers are designated in these days when classic lore is so common. Notwithstanding this distressing condition of theatrical affairs in the great city of New York, two more theatres are in course of construction. When they open, it will only be to enable the managers to rob Peter to pay Paul. In Italian opera, our "empresari" have been playing a cut throat game, and Maretzek has been cuchered. For a season the rival houses—the Grand Opera-house and the Academy of Music—the tariff was two dollars each, with one and two more dollars added if a seat was required. This, of course, kept away the Dutch-American Germans—who are good friends of the lyric drama—and made a tight money-market in Wall street and Fifth avenue. Maretzek had one crusher at a house, and that was when he produced "The Magic Flute" with a good deal of the "flute" omitted. It is said that on that occasion the sum taken in was seven thousand dollars, without counting the thousands of people taken in by the performance. Neither manager has made money, if salaries are regularly paid, for double doses of opera are rather more than we can swallow, "which nobody can deny." Maretzek up stakes on Saturday last, leaving the field to his mutual friend Strakosch. At the theatres the bills of fare which had been laid out for a month ahead have been cut into pieces, and fresh programmes substituted. "Why?" Because people wouldn't come to the feast; wouldn't partake of the stale and hashed-up dishes prepared for them. "Well, but people used to take to cold meats, and feast upon them for months at a time." That's very true, Mister Man; but when the dear public has been *gorged* with cold things and stale provender, the stomach revolts at any further discussion of such unwholesome diet, and crows loudly for porter-house steak and roast turkey, and food of that sort, and not too much of *that*, either. Stars who used to boast of driving musicians out of the orchestra in order to make room for ticket-holders, now look upon empty seats all over the house. What we are telling you is true. If you are rich enough to attend the theatre, you can see for yourself.....And talking about the double-barreled opera speculation, we present the following ditty as a peace-offering:

THE LUCCA-NILSSON TOURNAMENT.

"How happy could I be with either,
Were t'other dear charmer away!"
One evening said two o'er the oysters
Which they were proceeding to slay;
With either as "Marg'ret" or "Linda,"
'Twould be so delightful to dwell,
And one even might go "Lucrezia,"
If she sang but half so well.
But how to decide on their merits,
For critics will disagree?
Well, there's a safe rule to go by,
If you will but listen to "we;"
Let each on himself take the onus
Of deciding who's best on the squall,
And each have his standard of beauty—
Which is dead-sure to satisfy all!

.....Now, there's Regamey the caricaturist, at Niblo's—that he draws *men* remarkably well, the public will admit; but the managers would be better satisfied if he would *draw houses* equally as well. .....They are always getting up some excitement in Cincinnati—if it isn't a broken bank, its "a sad case of seduction." They are now engaged in making preparations for a cat-show, open to all. We did *purr-pus* creating a joke on this affair, but "Our Jim," the sensible scamp, has diverted our thoughts, by asking if he "can attend the matinee at the Tombs when Stokes makes his appearance;" for these free exhibitions are given daily, and hundreds of free-thinkers visit the Franklin-street entrance to get a glimpse of the prisoner as he is brought out to be taken down to court. All of which had never been taken to court Mansfield, what a happy man he would be to-day.....An Illinois paper, which probably had been "let in" for a brief indebtedness, tells of a minstrel band which "floated out on the treacherous ice impecuniously." We see that the same sea has swallowed up Ned Buntline and his noble red men, which was rather more water than Mister Buntline bargained for, and he lectures on temperance no more.....Clouds" is in preparation at one of the Brooklyn theatres. Quite a number of places are under a cloud just now, elsewhere in the City of Churches; but when they have "Clouds" over there, we have had "Sunshine" at the Bowery. Those who like neither, can get "Under the Gaslight" at the Grand Opera-house.....There is talk of getting up a big celebration in Boston in commemoration of the destruction of the Bastile. As no day has been decided upon, "Our Jim" suggests that "they might have it on our national thanks-giving day, and then *everybody* could jine in."..... The peripatetic showman has a good many ups and downs, "as he goes traveling round, me boys, as the immortal Dan Rice has it; and he has to undergo much sharp practice to enable him to keep his end up, as you may understand. Once there were two actor-men who, having collapsed in a strange land, became greatly distressed in mind, and *thought* something of drowning themselves in despair when they're hard up. Unable to get a lift on any friendly wagon traveling their way, they were compelled to tramp it for a distance of fifteen miles. Think of that, now, for men who were accustomed to being kinn-ed and robbers and wealthy patrons of the drama, and all that. But it's all true—they had to foot it, no conductor being willing to trust them, to such a condition had the drama descended. Well, they managed to reach a town up in this State somewhere, and were as tired and hungry as anything; but they had a balance of cash, so first of all, as soon as they arrived in this one-horse town, one starts off to the Town Hall, and hires it, and then sits down to dine at the town hotel, you will bear in mind. The other—for they were going pards in this here venture—goes to the newspaper office, and gets some bills printed, and in a flash of the gate notice and a couple of drinks at the expense of the editor, who, like all editors, was only too glad to be of service to an exponent of the drama. Then—see the cunning of this man—having done the printing and created a favorable impression as we have said, he directs his steps to the hotel and asks for his "treasurer!" Being told that his "treasurer" had dined, and gone out, *he* dines, also; comes the giraffe over them. See? Then he distributes his bills, and gets in with lots of people who, on the strength of his bills, treat like he was the Shah of Persia, or an inflated banker, and actually *force* things upon him, which is saying a good deal in these days. Well, be jingoes, that night the Town Hall was "crammed to suffocation, and hundreds turned away, unable to gain admission," as they say on the bills of the play. You never saw anything like it, and they only two strollers, too. But nobody knew *that*, you will bear in mind. This immense assemblage gathered to see "The Great Giantess, standing twelve feet in her shoes." who had received the highest encomiums of crowned heads, and much more stuff of that sort. Ten centses flowed into the treasury of these free-booters like chaff before the wind, or like a freshet, or an avalanche—anything you please. But the Great Giantess was there! Oh! she was there, sure enough, moving about like she had a tiredness in her knees, or spine, or something. So things went along right nice, till by-and-bye the spectators were completely taken by surprise;" for a voice was heard, evidently coming from the bowels, mind you, of the Great Giantess! "Johnny, I want a change," voice. "I'm smothering—I'll have till throw yez." "Hold up, Jimmy," said another voice coming from *another* part of the Giantess' corpus, "hold up; the doors shuts at ten, and it's only five minutes of it—so hold on, Jo, for I can't do it, yez too many for me." Then there was a painful sound, as if somebody was smothering, and down came the Giantess with a squelch, and the show was over. They had "made up" with the heaviest man on top.....Speaking of Irishmen—*Did* we speak of them? Ah, no! Then here comes in one of the best representatives of an Irishman is Harrigan, of the firm of Harrigan & Hart, now performing at the Theatre Comique. He is not of that type of conventional stage Irishmen we see upon the inspirational boards; but the genuine article—brogue and brogue and brogue, and just as natural as if he had come from the old dart. Maybe he *is* an Irishman, for all we know to the contrary. We saw him and that's pard, one evening, when the bill stated called "Blood will Tell," and the whole thing was so well done—and this includes Johnny Wild and James Bradley in the cast—that some of our legitimists might take a lesson from it. Another broth of a boy, at the same house, is Kitty O'Neil. "Kitty from Cork," as the dresses say. Another "Irish" dancer so nearly, that it is no wonder she is a favorite with the habitues of the Comique. The other two Irishmen will pardon us while we make

SOMES TO KITTY.

When the Comique's band strikes up,
How brisk you make us fellows feel;
Your every footstep draws attention,
Your every movement wins a smile!

Hear the jubilant "hit his!"
To the ceiling borne on high,
Words of cheer on every lip,
Brimming joy in every eye.

Sure, if Cork such spirits breeds,
Truly wonder there is none
That so many pilgrims hasten
Home to kiss the "old sod" alone!

.....Every day produces a better feeling between church and stage. While several of our eminent divines and their flocks occupy theatres and amusement halls on the Sabbath day, in order to keep it holy, on other nights a few of our churches are given up to opera singers, dramatic readers, and the like; or, as our sporting friends would say, "one pays the other."Patrick Gilmore has given Boston the cold shake, and is now in command of the Twenty-second Regiment Band. The organization is being perfected, and an initial concert will be given on the 18th of November, "when the band begins to play."

CITY SUMMARY.

GUS WILLIAMS, Annie Hughes, Jennie Leslie, Andy Hughes and Fred. J. Mackley, the latest attractions at Tony Pastor's. Gus Williams met with an enthusiastic reception on his reappearance, and evoked loud and long-continued applause by his singing of fresh Dutch songs, and his interpolated witty remarks created much merriment. He has many times recalled. Annie Hughes danced a jig in a creditable manner, and later in the evening, with Andy Hughes, performed an Irish sketch called "The Exile's Departure," the chief merit of which consisted of their double dances. Miss Jennie Leslie, in the first portion of the entertainment, made her debut, and sang serio-comic songs, which did not meet with much favor. Fred. J. Mackley, likewise from England, also made his metropolitan debut, and sang character song-interlarded with dancing. His style is hardly calculated to please American audiences. The Weston sisters, in a new musical sketch entitled "A Trip to Long Branch," were well received. Tony Pastor's comic songs were as usual much applauded, and he cheerfully responded to numerous encores. Jennie Engle's sensational song, Manchester and Jennings in songs and dances, Kitty Brooke's excellent singing and dancing, and the sketches of "The Lost Will," "The Challenge Dance," "The Showman's Stratagem," and "The Elopement," introducing Larry Tooley, Billy Barry, C. F. Seabert, Frank Girard, George Thatcher and Miss Hannah Birch, filled out the bill. An excellent entertainment was done during the week, and permitted free to the Saturday matinees, as well as on Friday evenings.

J. K. EMMET continues his excellent performances in "Max the Merry Swiss Boy" at the Broadway Theatre. A judicious curtailment of some portions of the dialogue and some of the business has improved the representation, which has also been enhanced by the frequent public rehearsals. Mr. Emmet's songs are growing in public favor. We quite think the high prices charged for admission and seats at this theatre have militated somewhat against the attendances. "Max" is to be withdrawn after Oct. 20, and on the 21st Mr. Emmet will act in "Fritz our Cousin German."

THE LAST TWO WEEKS of the Royal Marionettes at Robinson Hall are announced. Those who have not as yet witnessed their remarkable performances should not neglect the few remaining opportunities. Take the little ones and give them an afternoon of rare amusement which they will remember for years.

THE ITALIAN OPERA SEASON at the Grand Opera-house closed with the matinee performance of Oct. 18. On Monday "Lucia di Lammermoor" was repeated; on Tuesday "Faust" was sung, with Lucca as Marguerite. Mme. Testa made her first appearance this season. Sig. Antonucci was the Mephistopheles, and there was a ballet led by the Renmilsburg Sisters. Owing to the rehearsal of "The Magic Flute," no performance was given on Wednesday evening, and that opera was produced on Thursday, with Lucca, di Murska, Mme. Natali Testa, Mlle. Ferretti, Vizzani, Ronconi, Jamet, Reyna and others in the cast. The auditorium was crowded to overflowing, many persons being unable to procure even standing-room. Seven thousand dollars, it is said, were taken in for that night's performance, and yet the opera was fearfully mutilated and some of the gems omitted altogether. That "La Sonnambula" was repeated, and at the Saturday matinee "Il Poliuto" was sung. In the evening the dramatic performances were resumed, "Under the Gaslight" being the piece. "Round the Clock" is to be revived the present week.

E. T. STETSON commenced a week's engagement at the Bowery Theatre on Oct. 13, acting in "Macbeth;" Tuesday, "Richelieu;" Wednesday, "The Robbers;" Thursday, "Othello;" Friday, "Hamlet;" and Saturday, "Richard III." "Irish Love" commenced the entertainment until Saturday evening, when it gave place to "The Bear Hunters." On Saturday evening Miss Constance Seymour made her first appearance, acting the Duke of York. The pieces were all creditably mounted, well acted, and attracted a good average attendance. John and Maggie Fielding are to commence an engagement on Oct. 20 in a new drama by Charles Foster entitled "The Turf Digger's Doom."

"MANHOOD AND MONEY."—In behalf of the former, and with an eye to the latter, Rev. Henry Ward lectures to-night in Association Hall, this city.

THE VOICE of "Ginx's Baby" is, alas! to be heard but once in Gotham; and on that occasion Mr. Edward Jenkins' subject will be "The England of To-day."

EDWARD EDDY commenced an engagement at Wood's Museum on Monday evening, Oct. 13, in an entirely new American drama, in five parts, entitled "The Life and Death of Natty Bumpo," then performed for the first time on any stage, and with the following cast:

PART FIRST.—THE DEERSLAYER.

Natty Bumpo, alias the Deerslayer	E. Eddy
Harry Hurry, a frontier man	C. Sturges
Tom Hutter, the Muskrat	W. H. Partello
Chingackgook, Big Serpent	T. W. Keene
Rivernoak, a Mingo	Christie Miller
The Moose	D. Barclay
Judith Hutter	Miss Lizzie Edwards
Red Raven	M. Sullivan
Bounding Boy	Mingos. D. Sheerin
Briarthorn	Frank Langley
Wah-ta Wah, or "Hist."	Miss Therese Wood
Sumach, a squaw	Miss Nellie Sanford

Scene—The Banks of the Otsego. Time, 1758.

PART SECOND.—THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

Hawkeye, Natty Bumpo	Wha-se-te D. Barclay
K. Eddy	Tamemund, the Patriarch
Chingackgook...T. W. Keene	Christie Miller
Duncan Heywood J. Z. Little	Wis-in-tush D. Sheerin
Uncas Harry Stewart	Orequia P. Sullivan
David Gamut, A. H. Sheldon	Alice Henrietta Grainger
Lynx Frank Langley	Dora Miss Aggie Wood

PART THIRD.—THE PATHFINDER.

Pathfinder, Natty Bumpo	E. Eddy
Chingackgook, Big Serpent	T. W. Keene
Charles Cap, an old salt	L. J. Mestayer
Sergeant Dunham	Welsh Edwards
Jasper Western	J. Z. Little
Lieut. Muir, R. A.	L. R. Willard
Capt. Bangor	Harry Mestayer
Mabel Dunham	Miss Gussie De Forrest

PART FOURTH.—THE PIONEERS.

Natty Bumpo, Stocking	E. Eddy
Chingackgook, alias Indian John	T. W. Keene
Judge Temple	Welsh Edwards
Jasper Western, alias Edwards	J. Z. Little
Ken Pumps, an old sailor	A. H. Sheldon
Squire Hiram Doolittle	L. J. Mestayer
Billy Kirby, a woodchopper	R. J. Lewis
Hon. Elisha Major, a lawyer	Christie Miller
Mr. Vanderschoolcraft	Charles Sturges
Jailor	Frank Langley
Elizabeth Temple	Miss Henrietta Grainger
Remarkable Pettibone	Mrs. D. B. Van Deren

PART FIFTH.—THE PRAIRIE.

Natty Bumpo, aged 90	E. Eddy
Jasper Western, Jr., aged 20	J. Z. Little
Hard-heart, a Pawnee chief	W. H. Partello
Esther, wife to Ismael	Mrs. D. B. Van Deren
Ismael Bush	Welsh Edwards
Abraham Bush (Backwoodsmen.)	Miss Lizzie Andrews
Asa Bush	L. R. Willard

Scene—The Grand Prairie.

The drama is a compilation from James Fenimore Cooper's novels, as set forth, and we believe that this was the first attempt ever made to place upon the dramatic stage the story of the life of the hero as depicted in so many voluminous works. Neces arily, all the other characters were but mere sketches, and the dramatist's task of selecting prominent characteristic incidents and compressing them so that the representati n might take place in two hours and a half, has been an arduous one. All the circumstances being duly considered, the dramatization may be pronounced successful, and its representation may be witnessed with pleasure on or by those who have never perused the novels. Around the character of Natty Bumpo, under his various fictitious names, the chief interest of the performance centered, and he was almost constantly before the audience. In the first act, fighting against the Mingos in a canoe on right, in the second, striking for the release of the captive white maidens; in the third, his confession of his great love for Mabe Dunham, and, when he finds that she loves Jasper Western, sacrificing his own feelings and future happiness for that of the young man he has reared in the fourth, after saving the life of Elizabeth Temple, his arrest for shooting ga e out of season, and his sentence by Judge Temple, Elizabeth's father, to the stocks and imprisonment in jail, the opp rtune arrival of Jasper We t rn, the son of the only woman he ever loved, who speedily causes his release; and in the last, when the voice of Jasper Western, Jr., Mabel's grandchild, recalls to the old man the scenes of his youth, and as in a vision the forms of those he loved seem to surround him, he dies with Mabel's name upon his lips. The principle incidents presented, Mr. Eddy, who was quite successful in his delineation of the various phases of the hero's character, gave to each epoch a distinct and marked individuality. Mr. T. W. Keene deserves commendation for his impersonation of Chingackgook. Welsh Edwards as Sergeant Dunham, and later as Judge Temple, was natural and effective. J. Z. Little, in portraying Jasper Western through three generations, was successful. A. H. Sheldon as David Gamut, with his singing of psalm tunes, and later as Ben Pumps, an old sailor—a sort of marine Artemus—created much laughter. L. J. Mestayer as Charles Cap, an old salt, and subsequently as Squire Hiram Doolittle, a Yankee, merit d approbation. Miss Therese Wood as Wah-ta-wah, and Miss Nellie Sanford as Sumach, made very attractive Indian maidens. Henrietta Grainger was seen to advantage as Alice, and afterwards as Elizabeth Temple. Miss Gussie de Forrest gave us a charming bit of natural acting as Mabel Dunham. The remainder of the cast was acted in a careful and attentive manner. Considerable new scenery had been painted, which reflected credit upon the artist, John A. Thompson, the properties and costumes were effective, as was the music for the drama, expressly arranged by W. H. Brinkworth. The descent of Natty Bumpo in a canoe down the rapids of a river, was accomplished without any hindrance, and the effect was quite realistic. The drama ran during the week, and on Friday, in addition thereto, Miss Fanny Herring acted in "The French Spy," which she had performed at the customary matinees since Oct. 13; and that bill was repeated Saturday afternoon and evening. The attendance was quite large during the week. On Monday, Frank Mayo will commence an engagement at the evening performances in "David Crockett."

THE FUNERAL OF MRS. KATE BACKUS, *nee* Kate Newton, took place at her late residence, 213 West Twelfth street, on Wednesday morning, at eleven o'clock. The religious services were by the Rev. Dr. Houghton of "The Little Church Around the Corner." The remains were inclosed in a magnificent rosewood casket, with rich silver mountings, and lined with white satin. With the exception of the face, the body was entirely concealed by flowers. A cross, formed of white and yellow roses, intermingled with myrtle leaves and surmounted by a white dove, rested upon the breast, and a floral "M" set in diamonds; Dan Bryant then presented the guest of the evening with a gold match box of novel construction, and an exquisite gold prompt whistle; Mr. Wambold then presented a marvellously gold-headed cane; and several other gifts were bestowed, to all of which Mr. Moore responded in a feeling manner. The fun and music lasted until the gray dawn of morning, when "Auld Lang Syne" was sung by all assembled, after hearts hand-shaking the company separated. The whole affair was very creditable, and will be long remembered by those present.

THE GIRARDS open at Niblo's Garden on the 27th inst. for six weeks. On that date several changes will be made in "The Crook," and the piece will be reconstructed.

ALEX. DAVIS, the ventriloquist, brought to this country by John Stetson of Boston, opens at the Theatre Comique, this city, Nov. 3.

SOPHIE WORRELL and party open at the Theatre Comique, Dec. 1.

W. J. FERGUSON has been engaged for juvenile business for Wallack's Theatre. He opens there on the 27th inst.

THE NEW PLAY, Augusta Lynne, John Matthews, George Maxwell, Harry Rich, Emma Skerrett, Miss Edwards and Katie Firmin open at the Olympic on the 27th in "Rip Van Winkle."

W. H. SMITH, of G ss's Opera-house, San Francisco, left for the Pacific Slope on the 12th inst. accompanied by James Herne.

MCKEE AND ROGERS, double song-and-dance men, were to have left the past week for San Francisco for Grey's Opera-house, but W. H. Smith leaving suddenly for that city without putting up the required deposit, McKee and Rogers left for London with Pony Moore.

OFF FOR EUROPE.—Frank Pastor and his horse; John Henry Cooke and wife; Almonte and wife; and the three Leopold Brothers, sailed for Europe by the steamship Hall on the 18th inst. They all go to Hengler's Cirque, London.

E. LAMB, comedian, and McKee Rankin, leading, and Kitty Blanchard, soubrette, have been engaged for Bouclcault's theatre, to open on Dec. 22.

THE FOY SISTERS open at the Theatre Comique on the 27th inst.

ELLA WESNER has been secured by Tony Pastor for next Summer's traveling tour, commencing on April 6. E. D. Davies, the ventriloquist, also goes with Tony.

J. K. EMMET has concluded not to go South and play his engagements at New Orleans, Galveston and Memphis, to open Nov. 10, as per contract. He has thrown up the time, and plays the time with John Meech in Syracuse and elsewhere.

CLARA MORRIS has, it is said, severed her connection with Daly's company. Her difficulty with Mr. Daly was principally owing to the fact of her having three months to herself to star, commencing in December, and it was understood that "Alixe"—one of her strongest pieces—was not to be produced in such cities as she was engaged for, prior to her appearance. "Alixe" was produced at the Chestnut, Philadelphia, hence the disagreement. She has been offered an engagement at Wallack's, also at the Union-square Theatre. If the report is correct, neither will profit by the dissension.

A SPECIAL MATINEE performance is to be given by Mr. Edward Eddy at Wood's Museum on Wednesday, Oct. 22, for the benefit of the sufferers by yellow fever at Memphis, Tenn., and Shreveport, La.

THE MISSES CECILIA BERRY and May Hening, character duetists and sketch performers, have arrived from a Western tour.

VOLUNTEERS for the B. P. O. of Elks are requested to send the names of their acts to Col. T. Allston Brown, who also announces that a rehearsal will be had at Tony Pastor's Opera house on Oct. 29.

COL. T. ALLSTON BROWN, dramatic agent, of 9 West Fourth street, makes the following announcements through our advertising department: E. D. Davies, ventriloquist, at the termination of his engagement at Niblo's Garden in December, will visit Philadelphia and several other leading cities. The Girards, Miss Sarah Jewett, Mons. Mehay, magician; W. M. Tyndale, advance agent; Minnie Jackson, actress; and others, noticed in our last issue, can be engaged through his agency.

BARNUM'S GREAT SHOW is to commence a brief season on the site of the old New Haven depot, on Fourth avenue and Twenty-sixth street, on the evening, Oct. 20. A large wooden amphitheatre has been erected, so that the performances—which will close the regular season—may be enjoyed with comfort. After the opening, two performances will be given each day. Owing to inclement weather, the procession advertised to take place on Monday was postponed until the first fair day.

ROBINSON HALL, Sixteenth street, near Broadway, is advertised to rent for first-class entertainments after Nov. 3.

THE PRESENT SEASON at the Lyceum Theatre is to close with the performances of Saturday evening, Oct. 25. It is again reported that Mr. Charles Fechter will become the manager. Mr. T. C. King is announced to act in "Othello" on Oct. 27. Another rumor says that the notice posted in the green-room, announcing the closing of the season on Oct. 25, is only a ruse to get rid of the ballet, chorus people, etc., who hold written engagements for six months. Mr. Charles Westleigh withdrew from the company on Oct. 11, and during the past week the character of Claude Frollo, hitherto acted by him, was satisfactorily impersonated by E. Coleman. On Wednesday evening the Forty-seventh Regiment, with full brass band, from Brooklyn, attended the performances. The average attendance was fair.

MISS JESSIE HUGHES, the popular serio-comic of the Theatre Comique, was unable to appear during the past week in consequence of severe hoarseness and temporary loss of voice. She may possibly reappear during the present week.

MISS AGNES ETHEL, the well-known actress, was married on Oct. 16 by the Rev. H. Du Bois to Mr. Francis W. Tracy of Buffalo, N. Y.

DRAMATIC.

MISS BLANCHE CLIFTON and Frank Hussey, recently from Australia, are to commence an engagement at the Globe Theatre Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 10 when they will produce their drama entitled "Hazard."

THE REAPPEARANCE OF FRANK KERNS and Little Jennie Yeamans were the only changes at the Theatre Comique since our last report. In a natural and easy manner, Frank Kerns acted Shawn, the wicked, low postman, in Poole's burlesque entitled "Arrah-na-Brogue," and Tony Hart and James Bradley elicited much applause therein by dancing a barn-door reel. Little Jennie Yeamans was heartily greeted in her character songs and changes. The Jakley Troupe continued their excellent acrobatic performances, and three of them appeared in an additional act entitled "The Comical Clowns." Mrs. John Wild in serio-comic songs; Harrigan and Hart in their specialty "After the War;" character dances by Kitty O'Neil; and the sketches of "The Haunted Wig Maker," "The Trial Dance" and "Blood Will Tell," introducing John Wild, James Bradley, J. A. Graver, B. Hall, Harrigan and Hart, filled out the programme. The attendance continued large. John Hart is no longer a member of the company. On Oct. 20 J. C. (Fatty) Stewart and his star troupe, recently arrived from Europe, consisting of Ricardo Frary, Nellie Steele, Harry Munroe, Grace Harris, James McDonald, Miss E. McDonald, Gilbert Crewe and W. d'Almin, are to appear. The Foy Sisters commence on Oct. 27. "Chicago, Before, During and After the Fire," is to be revived on Nov. 3, with Little Jennie Yeamans and Dellie, and the Waite Family are to make their metropolitan debut.

VICTORIA C. WOODHULL and Tennie C. Claflin lectured in Cooper Institute on Oct. 17. Subject—"Reformation or Revolution, Which? or, Behind the Political Scenes." A very large audience.

IT SHOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN that the annual benefit of the B. P. O. of Elks is to occur at Niblo's Garden on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 30.

MRS. SUSANNA FLYNN MCDOUALL, professionally known as Miss Flynn, died on Thursday, Oct. 16. She made her first appearance at the Park Theatre, and continued a member of the stock-company there for many years. Although she never achieved any great distinction in the profession, she was a careful and reliable actress, and in the portrayal of minor characters her services were almost invaluable. She had been a member of companies attached to other theatres in this city, and we believe she made her last appearance in public at the Winter Garden, where she was engaged at the time that theatre was destroyed by fire. She was the wife of Harry McDonall, an actor for many seasons engaged at the Park Theatre, who likewise confirmed his abilities to the portrayal of minor characters. She died in Washington, D. C., June 18, 1870. Mrs. McDonall's funeral took place on Sunday, Oct.

on Oct. 13, and is having a very successful run. The usual attention has been paid to the mounting of the play, the sets being particularly attractive; but the acting, with few exceptions, reflected little credit on the company. Miss Meek is unfitted for the part of Fernande, neither looking nor acting the character. Miss Cowell's acting of Georgette was passably good, but a decided improvement could be made in her dressing. Miss Maeder was out of her element in her endeavors to impersonate Madame Seneschal. Clotilde by Susan Denin was an exception, as the character could hardly fail into more deserving hands. She enacted it with all the intensity of passion, and power that the part required, and her elocution was faultless. Mr. Elaisdell personated the role of Mons. Andre in his usual off-hand, free-and-easy style. Bartley Campbell's latest production, entitled 'Hearts,' is underlined for the 20th. Eliza O'Connor has sufficiently recovered to appear in the leading character. James C. Padgett has severed his connection with this theatre, and is succeeded in the stage-management by C. R. Bishop. Robt. McWade in 'Rip Van Winkle' was the magnet at the Academy of Music, and met with excellent success in the way of large audiences. Favorable mention is due Nellie Boyd, Katie Wilson, L. F. Barrett, J. B. Everham and J. F. Dewin for the fine support rendered. Carlotta Leclercq appears on the 20th in 'The New Magdalen.'.....Little Nell appeared at the Globe Theatre on Oct. 13 in 'Fidelia the Fire Waif,' to a fair house. With the single exception of T. P. Egberts, who enacted the character of Harry Warne well, her support was not up to the standard. Louise Hawthorne commences on the 20th, and will be succeeded on the 27th by J. J. Wallace.....J. A. Sawtelle has severed his connection with this company—cause, refusing to play a part.....Jas. A. Herne and his handsome bride arrived in the city yesterday, and will depart on the 17th for the Pacific slope to play a star engagement at Gray's Opera house."

MISS LILLIE ELDRIDGE, supported by one of W. E. Spalding's companies, opened for three nights at the Richmond, Va., Theatre, Oct. 13, in the drama entitled "Olive, or the Mysterious Murder." Our correspondent, writing on Oct. 16, says: "Miss Eldridge is an actress of no ordinary merit, and during her engagement showed rare talent for one so young; talent which, in the course of time, will insure for her enviable reputation and success in her profession. She rendered her parts in a pleasing and satisfactory manner. The company supporting Miss Eldridge—prominent in which we might mention the Misses Monk, Wallace, Newton, Egberts, Vivian, and Messrs. Harry Langdon, Smith, Pierson, Ryan and Barry—is one of the best that has appeared here for some time. Too much praise cannot be awarded to Manager E. J. Parker, for the settings of the stage, and his management in general. The Hunchback' was produced on the 14th; 'Mignon' for the closing piece, 15th. No announcements for the coming week."

AT THE OPERA-HOUSE, Hartford, Ct., Oct. 16, "The Child Stealer" was produced by Harry Clark's dramatic company, with Lucille Western as the star. Our correspondent, writing on Oct. 19, says: "Miss Western, who appeared as Margaret Rookley, has a good conception of the character, her acting being truthful and natural. Mr. Wm. Bailey as Richard Craddock made an excellent villain, and the other characters were satisfactorily sustained. The next card under the above management will be Mrs. G. C. Howard, who will make her farewell appearance as Topsy in 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' on the 20th."

JOHN S. Ewans concluded a highly successful engagement of one week at Wall's Opera-house, Washington, D. C., on Oct. 18. He appeared in "Solon Shingle," "The Victims," "Happiest Day of My Life," "Everybody's Friend," "Doodles," "Forty Winks," "The Poor Gentleman" and "Irish Ar-Law." The manager of the Opera-house announces that specie payments will commence at the box-office on and after the 20th inst., silver coin being given in change to purchasers of tickets. Mr. and Mrs. Florence commence a week's engagement 20th, opening in "The Ticket-of-Leave-Man."

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MR. AND MRS. FRANK WILLIAMS, who appeared in the past at Chicago, Ill., joined the Memphis Theatre company, with which he is engaged for the season, at Little Rock, Ark., on October 13. The bill-writer has been having his "little joke" by announcing on October 15 that Mr. Evans would appear in Kilkenny in Boucicault and McCloskey's new dramatization of 'The Stranger,' and underlining "To-morrow night the great drama by America's favorite author, Oliver Doud Byron, Esq., entitled 'London at Midnight.'"

MANAGERS OF TRAVELING COMPANIES are at present experiencing the worst business ever known on the road. From a majority of those known as skirmishers we hear the most discouraging reports. The Ned Buntline company, Maxwell's company, and Harry Clarke's party have closed up. The Howard & Langrishe Talisman Company are struggling hard, hoping to recover their fast failing fortunes by coming further east. Harry Clarke took out a dramatic company, with J. J. Wallace as the star, announcing him as George Francis Train, but business was bad. Then "George Francis" went into the stock to support Lucille Western, and the company returned to the city on the 19th, minus the stars' salary, all excepting Wm. Whalley, who refused to go on the stage on the night of the 18th inst. until he received his money. The Chapman Sisters are doing poorly, and we are told that salaries have not been paid in full for several weeks. Barnum's Aggregation (the variety show) is not meeting with that success that was anticipated, is not great, and for once the name of Barnum has failed to draw crowded houses.

E. Z. C. JUDSON—"Ned Buntline"—came to untimely grief at Louisville, Ky., on the 11th, when the last performance was given of the "Prairie Scouts." The show collapsed, owing to bad management, as the manager got "off color" so often that it was difficult to say at supper-time whether there was to be a performance that night or not. Several members of the company gave a performance in Jeffersonville on the 13th, to raise funds to pay their trunks from the hotel, and pay their fare to New York. G. C. Davenport the comedian has been engaged by B. Macauley for his Louisville Theatre. H. A. Fisher arrived in this city on the 19th, also Charley Melville the agent. The balance of the company will arrive here about the 21st or 22d. Two weeks' salary due to the company.

HOWARD, LANGRISHE & CARLE'S "Magic Talisman" Company performed at Titusville, Pa., Oct. 17 and 18. Route ahead: Corry 20, 21, Meadville 22, 23, Franklin 24; Pittsburgh, commencing the 27th, for one week. The Rigl Sisters join the troupe at the latter place.

JOE MURPHY will "Help" to amuse the citizens of Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 23, 24, Peoria, Ill., 27, 28.

MAXWELL'S Dramatic Company closed up in Bridgeport, Ct., on the 18th inst. Business has been very bad indeed, of late. The Ghost did not walk for some time.

"THE TWELVE TEMPTATIONS" is to be produced at the Chestnut-street Theatre, Philadelphia, by Joseph C. Foster, with the La Verde Children and the Remmelsburg Sisters in the cast.

ETTIE HENDERSON will shortly start out for a brief tour with a dramatic company for the production of "Little Sunshine," the play in which she made a favorable an impression in this city at the Bowery Theatre.

NAT HIAMS' COMEDY COMPANY performed at Paris, Ky., Oct. 15, 16, 17, 18, and during the present week strive to amuse the Mount Sterlingites.

"BOTHERATION," a new comedy by the English dramatist Charles Osborne, is offered for sale by the International Bureau of Art. For further particulars see card in another column.

THE OPENING OF MACAULEY'S NEW THEATRE, Louisville, Ky., and other matters, are reported by our correspondent, whose letter will be found in appendix. "The dramatic wave has been agitated by a fresh ripple in the opening, on Oct. 13, of Bernard Macauley's new and elegant theatre, on Walnut street near Fourth. In the latter part of June last, Mr. Macauley purchased the ground upon which the theatre is erected, and commenced the work of building. The first brick was laid on July 1, and in ninety days the theatre was opened to the public, complete in every respect.

"The entrance to the theatre is through an arched doorway, sixteen feet in depth by twenty-five feet wide. It is floored with marble and slate tiling, and is provided with three ticket offices, ornamented with elaborate wood carving. A flight of six marble stairs leads from this entrance into the lobby, of which is also tiled. The vestibule is very handsomely frescoed, and is lighted by three elegant chandeliers. From the footlights to the rear of the auditorium it is seventy feet, and has a width of eighty feet. The parquet occupies a space of forty-two feet in diameter, and will seat two hundred people. The dress-circle has eight rows of chairs, seating about two hundred persons. Both parquet and dress circle are furnished with patent folding chairs, upholstered in crimson morocco. The second tier has a seating capacity of five hundred and fifty, and the third tier five hundred, making the total seating capacity about eighteen hundred. The walls of the auditorium have an ornamental walnut wainscoting four feet high, above which the walls are handsomely painted in light colors. The ceiling is paneled and ornamented with four figures representing Tragedy, Comedy, Poetry and Music, and from pendants Mr. W. Ashley, Charlotte Cushman and Edwin Booth, representing tragedy, and Jefferson and Lotta, representing comedy. The main chandelier is suspended from the dome, and is a very beautiful design, containing thirty-two burners of crystal glass and finest gilt. The stage is forty feet in depth, the proscenium opening thirty-six feet in the clear and the arch seventeen feet high. There are four proscenium boxes, two on each side, which are elegantly furnished. Back of the boxes are four star dressing rooms. The footlights are of a peculiar pattern, and can be changed to the four different colors by means of a valve on the stage. Two curtains are used, one a red baize, and a drop curtain representing a Swiss landscape. The cellar has twelve dressing rooms, besides carpenter shop, property, lumber and musicians' rooms. The theatre, with the exception of the lobby, is carpeted throughout. The cost of the theatre and ground is about two hundred thousand dollars. The officers of the house are: Bernard Macauley, manager; W. A. Warner, business manager; John R. Botto, treasurer; R. Maddern, musical conductor; John McCullough, artist, and H. Kirklighter, chief doorkeeper. The bill for the opening night consisted of the American comedy of "Extremes," with the following cast: Mark Mayberry, B. Macauley; Dolby, P. A. Hight; Erland, W. H. Power; Higgins, A. Hudson; Smiley, E. Waite; Algrieve, F. Lord; O'Leary, H. C. Barton; Gaskins, J. Marble; Waterman, G. Brown; Mrs. Crosby, Mary Bates; Mrs. Oldrich, Mrs. Perry; Virginia Oldrich, Miss Perry Nellie, Ella Mayer. The mounting of the play was elegant in the extreme, far exceeding anything ever before attempted here. The acting was excellent. Macauley is a wise caterer to the popular taste, and by a judicious mixture of things new and old he contrives to please all tastes in the entertainment, while the eminence of the artists he engages not only secures an admirable performance, but is a delicate act of respect to the playgoers and to those by whom they are admired. Macauley has given to us the most beautiful theatre in the south and West, and he deserves success. The crowd which filled the theatre on the opening night was quite in harmony with the finesse of things. Extremes" will play Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings; "Caste" on Thursday and Friday evenings, and Saturday matinee. Mrs. Macauley will appear on the 20th in 'The New Magdalen.'"

"The Buntline party of Scouts terminated a rather unsuccessful engagement of three nights at Masonic Temple on the 11th inst. While here, Ned Buntline, the chief of the party, had an altercation with a gentleman in front of the Louisville Hotel, which narrowly escaped resulting fatally to him. He was on a drinking very freely, and at the time of the occurrence was very much inebriated. Desiring to relieve himself of a cane that he was carrying, he threw it at a gentleman, exclaiming with an oath, 'Hold that cane!' The gentleman threw the cane back, when Buntline attempted to draw his pistol; his intention, however, was nipped in the bud by his adversary leveling a revolver at his head, with the warning that if he moved a finger he would kill him. Buntline, knowing that he had to deal with a gentleman and not a bully, backed water and retired.....John McCullough commenced a week's engagement at the Opera-house on Oct. 13, appearing on the opening night in 'Macbeth,' and his first appearance sufficiently demonstrated the fact that he is possessed not only of rem rkable dramatic gifts, but a high degree of cultivation. His stage-bearing is always good, and his acting forcible and earnest. As Macduff, Lingham failed to be impressive, chiefly because he has not yet learned the power of mi ute tion and reserve before the climax of the situation. Sheppard gave an artistic personation of Duncan; Jordan gave a pleasing portraiture of Banquo, and Miss White was an admirable representative of Lady Macbeth; the other characters, although moderately well sustained, not calling for any special mention. On Tuesday evening McCullough appeared as Othello; Wednesday, Richelieu; Thursday and Friday, Hamlet; Saturday, matinee and evening, Richelieu. Business, we are sorry to say, has been very poor. McCullough closes on the 18th and goes to New York. The Katie Putnam party open on the 20th for one week."

OUR SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., correspondent, writing on Oct. 11, sends us the appended summary of dramatic news:

"Miss Leclercq's engagement at the California Theatre has proved more successful than the one played by her two years ago. She has been seen in a number of excellent plays, and has maintained at all times the prestige of being a comedy actress whose art is warm with imagination and polished in expression. Her present visit to the Pacific shores has been marked by considerable newspaper controversy, first as to the time when she commenced to play leading characters; Miss Leclercq having something to say in the matter herself; then as to her performance of Mercy Merrick, the merit of which has been a subject of dispute. During the past week, after the withdrawal of "The New Magdalen" on the 8th, Miss Leclercq appeared for two nights as Rosalind in "As You Like It." This, the most beautiful of pastoral dramas, was given with appropriate scenery and music, but the acting was not equal to what has been seen in former productions at the California. In the absence of Mr. McCullough, Mr. Henry Edwards came forward for Jacques. This gentleman is a fine Shakespearian scholar, and no one could doubt of the intelligence and dignity of his conception, but his reading was rendered lame by a circumflex, in the falling inflection, which he has before seemed liable to use in blank verse. His thorough earnestness in the recital of "The Seven Ages" gained a hearty round of applause. Lewis Morrison did much with Orlando, and Walter Leman's Old Adam was not one to eclipse the memory of Sedley Brown. Miss Maggie Moore, who was the new Audrey, certainly deserved praise, and Miss Ellie Wilton's Celia was to be favorably noticed for its brightness and grace. William Barry was a good Corin, but Mr. C. Wilkinson's reputation will not rest upon Touchstone, a character which has not, perhaps, been realized upon the stage of late years. Miss Leclercq received a benefit on the 10th, when some fine acting was done in Tom Taylor's "Sheep in Wolf's Clothing" by Edwards, Mestayer, Wilkinson and Miss Leclercq, and also in "The Spoon Chronicles," tragically by Edwards as Pandora Barrie, Hill as Wildrake, Mrs. Judah as the Widow Green, Ellie Wilton as Lydia, and Miss Leclercq as Constance. This evening Miss Leclercq appears for the last time, when "The Stranger" will be acted and "Blackeyed Susan," with Lewis Morrison as William and Annie Graham as Susan. Miss May Howard commences next Monday for one week in "The Wandering Heir."..... No change was made at the Alhambra, "The Flower Girls of Paris" being continued to fair attendance. "The Doctor of Alcantara" will be produced on the 13th.....At Platt's Hall the opera sung the past week were "Traviata" on the 6th, "Martha" on the 8th, and "Traviata" again on the 10th.....'Dark Deeds," a dramatization of Miss Braddon's novel, entitled "The Trail of the Serpent," was produced at Gray's Opera-house on the 6th, for the first time on any stage. A numerous audience received it with favor as a sensational drama, brimming over with incidents, moving with rapid action, and being animated by a romantic interest which never flagged from beginning to end. Men and manners of all kinds are depicted, and the scenes in which the brilliant saloon of wealth and refinement and the squalid haunts of poverty and vice. The contrast in which the relations of society are thus represented is productive of certain effects that do not fail to strongly impress the minds of ordinary playgoers. The acting was fair. Mr. Geo Darrell, the author of 'Dark Deeds,' is a young actor of considerable natural ability, who exhibits the advantage of having formed his style under such a preceptor as the late Walter Montgomery. He played the dual role of Jabez North and Count Marcelli with much quiet, unique manner, which was not only effective, but very suitable to the requirements to be fulfilled. The entire cast was as follows:

Jabez North..... G. Darrell	Brown..... L. Belmour
Count Marcelli..... G. Darrell	Gamester..... S. Maybell
De Lancy..... (Edmonds	Captain..... T. Mitchell
Mons. Mounce..... (Edmonds	Valerie..... D. Belasco
Hymonset..... Harry Eytinge	Mary..... Fanny Chord
De Cerennes..... A. D. Billings	Lady Rosette..... Florence Kent
Marwood..... Geo. Hinckley	Mrs. Marwood..... Mrs. Edmonds
Lieutenant..... H. Grattan	Lady Bellair..... Georgie Lennox
Swasher..... Maurice Pike	Lady Rosette..... Molly Raynor
Peters..... R. G. Marsh	Servant..... Kate Duffy
Darley..... D. Belasco	

"Man and Wife" will be produced on the 13th.

AMUSEMENTS IN BOSTON, MASS., are reported as appended by our correspondent, writing on Oct. 19:

Edwin Booth closed his second week at the Boston Theatre on Oct. 18. On Monday "The Merchant of Venice" was repeated, and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday "Hamlet" was given. On Friday "The Iron Chest" and "Katharine and Petruchio" were offered. "The Lady of Lyons" formed the matinee bill, and "Macbeth" was given Saturday evening. At the instance the house was so large that the orchestra was obliged to play on the stage, the usual place for the musical part being filled by spectators. The coming week is Booth's last. Lucca opens Oct. 27.

At the Museum, one of the most delightful entertainments of the season is presented on Monday and Tuesday, the bill comprising Robertson's charming "Home," and A. W. Young's roaring "Victim of Circumstances." Both pieces are splendidly cast—indeed there was not a flaw in the whole performance. In the first piece Mary Cary shone to especial advantage as Dora, and a word of praise is due Charles Stevenson for a most pleasing, natural, and yet effective piece of acting as Bertie. W. J. Le Moyne as Capt. Montraffe gave an excellent character bit; marred at times, however, by a slight tendency to exaggerate. The cast was the same as last year, and was most admirable. In the "Victim of Circumstances," Warren repeated his famous role of Bonnetoi; and Crisp, Ring, Mrs. Vincent, Annie Clarke and Miss Bell of the rest gave excellent support. With such fine acting it was a pity that the mounting should not be equally fine; but candor compels us to say that some of the scenery was on a par with the piece itself, and displayed marks from the dirty hands of generations of scene-shifters. A theatre that makes a specialty, as this does, of the old standard drama ought to pay more attention to the proper placing of them upon the stage. Take a leaf from poor John Selwyn's note-book. Mr. Manager, and you have no idea what an improvement it would be. On Wednesday "Old Heads and Young Hearts" was performed afternoon and evening. "Wild Oats" was given Tuesday for the first time this season, "Masks and Faces" Friday evening and Saturday afternoon, and on Saturday evening "Roy Bliss" and "Robert Macaire" formed the bill. On Monday "The School for Scandal" will be given for the first time this season, and it will be repeated at all the performances of the week save Thursday and Friday evenings. Thursday has been set apart for "East Lynne," and Friday is the occasion of Miss William Warren's benefit, when he will call his friends "A Cup of Tea," "The Steeple Chase" and one other of his favorite pieces. "London Assurance" will probably be produced on the 27th inst.

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY put in an appearance at the Opera-house, Newcastle, Pa., on Oct. 10, 11, playing "Pizarro" and "Richard III" to moderate houses. An occasional correspondent says: "Mr. John Townsend's Rolla and Richard III gave general satisfaction, and Miss Berry, who assisted on both nights, in both characters were loudly applauded. Mr. Burnet Townsend as Pizarro and King Henry VI, Mr. Harry Townsend as Alonzo and Richmond, and Miss Constance Townsend as Elvira and Queen Elizabeth, were severally received with favor. The combat between Richard and Richmond caused great excitement, and fairly brought down the house." Mr. John Townsend, in answer to repeated calls, appeared before the curtain at the close and bowed his acknowledgments. The troupe opened at Conneautville, Pa., on Oct. 13, for a three nights' season, staying a fourth night by request, for their production of "Richard III." They then proceeded to Girard, Pa., where to-day they go to Ashtabula, Ashtabula county, Ohio."

The Conneautville (Pa.) *Courier* of Oct 16 says:

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY.—This justly celebrated dramatic troupe appeared here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, to crowded and enthusiastic audiences. The pieces produced were "Lear in London" and "Loan of a Lover," "Pizarro" and "The Fast Young Lady," and "The Orphan of Geneva" and "Deaf as a Post." In the several characters were most ably represented, especially those by Messrs. John, Harry and Burnet Townsend, and Miss Constance Townsend, and drew forth abundant, well-merited applause. At the request of our playgoing citizens, the family have consented to remain to-night (Thursday), when they will produce Shakespeare's historical tragedy, in five acts, of "King Richard III," with the Townsend, the popular tragedian, in the title role, to be supplemented by a roaring farce. An overflowing house may safely be predicted.

MR. H. A. KENDALL recently played "Rip Van Winkle" at Des Moines, Iowa, and *The Daily Republican*, comparing him with Jefferson, who was there in June, says:

The personation of Rip Van Winkle by Mr. H. A. Kendall, of the Kendall Comedy Troupe, was a very fine piece of acting, as those present at Moore's Hall last night testified with tears and smiles. The character is Jefferson's family estate and pride, and gave him his great reputation. We have seen both gentlemen in the character, and they can be spoken of together in that relation. Mr. Kendall takes the part of the subject with a clear understanding and appreciation of the thoughts, feelings, appetites and emotions of the man he represents, and presents them with fine discrimination; but in our judgment he lacks some of the fine facial expressions that mark the finish of the character. This is no disparagement to Mr. Kendall, for some like his personation of "Rip" better than they did Jefferson's. The success of the play, as it is taking from the twenty years' sleep, and in this Mr. Kendall did finer acting than Jefferson.

Mr. Kendall also appeared, during the remainder of the week as Shylock in the "Merchant of Venice," and as Elliott Grey in "Rosedale," as a Party by the name of Johnson, and as Solon Shingle. He will be at Marshalltown, Iowa, for one week, commencing Oct. 20.

MUSICAL.

CAMILLA URSO and company will perform at Hartford, Ct. Oct. 27, New Bedford, Mass., 28, Manchester, N. H., 29.

SPALDING'S BELLRINGERS are to ring in West Medway, Mass., Oct. 22, Hopkinton 23, Ashland 24, South Framingham 25, Saxonville 27.

H. BEHRLE, violinist, who can be addressed care of this office, desires an engagement.

LEAVITT'S BELLRINGERS, with the Austins, Charles and Emma, protean artists, performed at Shell Rock Oct. 13, Cedar Falls 14, 15, Waverley 16, 17, Laporte 18.

LOUIS FREDERICK, violinist and viola player, whose address find elsewhere, wants an engagement.

THE PEAK AND PRAEGER TROUPE drew two good houses at Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 14, 15. Route ahead: Peru 16, Logansport 17, 18, Kokomo 20, Anderson 21, Crawfordsville 22, Danville, Ill., 23, 24, Lafayette 25, 27, Greencastle 28, Brazil 29, Terre Haute 31 and Nov. 1.

THE GERMAN OPERA TROUPE at Liederkranz Hall, Louisville, Ky., have been doing much better than expected. "Il Trovatore" was produced on Sunday evening, Oct. 12, and was favorably received. Miss Frankenberg was the Leonora; her fine voice and good acting won general applause. Miss Jaeger and Messrs. Beetz, Franosch and La Fountaine sang and acted in a very creditable manner. The orchestra is fair, and the chorus good. "Czar and Zimmermann" was given on the 15th to a large audience.

SMITH'S BELLRINGERS and Charley Harrison, humorist, were at Bonaparte, Ia., Oct. 17, Keosauqua 18, and are billed at Ottumwa 20, Prairie City 21, Pella 22, Des Moires 23.

THE BARNABEE TROUPE gave a concert at Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 16. The company consists of Mr. H. C. Barnabee, basso; W. J. Winch, tenor; M. Arbuckle, cornet soloist; Mrs. H. M. Smith, soprano; and Miss A. R. Clark, contralto and pianist.

SENOR DON ECKBIO DELZADO, a Spanish violinist of great repute, who has been in this city for some days, is to appear at the Knabe Musical Soiree, Oct. 25.

SALINA, Kansas, has her. Her name is Margie Anderson, she is eight years old and unmarried, and her prodigiousness is that she can read *any* music at sight.

M. CANONGE, the impressario of the Delta, and who is now at the French capital, has engaged the following artists to warble picayunes out of the pockets of New Orleans people: Mlles. Lagye, Cartni, Thielault (Bouffe Parisiennes), and Gabrielle Moissett (Paris Opera Comique), and MM. de Quercy (Paris and St. Petersburg theatres, and first tenor in opera bouffe), Lourde, Devozod, Fertlinger, Dupin, Marchand (Bouffe Parisiennes, and brother of Madame Colson, who was so great a favorite in New Orleans), Petrenet, St. Emile (as second stage-manager), and Linge (Vaudeville, Paris).

MAX MARETZEK'S troupe are to give "La Favorita" in Hartford, Ct., on the 21st, and in New Haven on the 23d.

SIG. AIMEE and her troupe are bouffing opera and the Cubans at the Tacon Theatre, Havana, Oct. 14 having been the entering-wedge to a subscription season of thirty nights.

THE KELLOGG English Opera Troupe concluded their two weeks' season at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on the 18th inst. The operas of "Lucia di Lammermoor," "Fra Diavolo," "Bohemian Girl," "Faust" and "Il Travatore," constituted the programme during the second and last week of the season, the attendance being satisfactory.

A COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT will be given Mr. Frank A. Conley at Haudel and Haydn Hall, Philadelphia, on the 28th inst.

THOMPSON THOMAS' ORCHESTRA gave concerts at Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 13, 14, and will give them at St. Louis, Mo., for five nights commencing Oct. 20, Terre Haute, Ind., 25.

THE WOLANSKI'S Saturday-afternoon Concerts commenced Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia, on the 1st of November.

PAUL KIRCHNER, tenor, appared last week at Miller's Winter Garden, Philadelphia, with the Parlor Opera Company, now under the musical direction of Carl Heineman.

CHAS. HAMMOND, second violinist and alto horn player, advertises for an engagement.

WHITE & GOULLAUD of Boston, Mass., whose cards find elsewhere, have just published a new song, with chorus, entitled "I Wish Mamma Was Here."

SPAULDING'S BELLRINGERS AND LADIES' CORNET BAND are to perform at Hopkinton, Mass., Oct. 23, Ashland 24, South Framingham 25, Saxonville 27, Framingham Centre 28.

VARIETY HALLS.

R. M. RICHARDS, proprietor of the Varieties Theatre, Nashville, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed on Oct. 13, by James Hagan of that city, for the alleged seduction of his widowed sister. The shooting occurred at half-past two o'clock, on Cherry street just below the entrance to the theatre. Hagan entered the saloon connected with the theatre, and inquired for Mr. Richards. He was informed that the latter had just gone towards Broad street. Hagan immediately started in that direction, encountered Richards about twenty steps below the saloon, and shot him in the head, the ball entering just over the ear and lodging in the brain. Richards threw back his hands and fell upon his right side. Hagan stopped and gazed at him a moment, and then coolly walked across the street to a drug store, where he met Captain Stockwell of the police force, to whom he surrendered, stating that he shot Richards, gave up his pistol, and was taken to the station-house.

AT LANE'S THEATRE COMIQUE, Scranton, Pa., business has been good the past week, the principal attractions being the Brandt Brothers, trapeze performers, and John Brandt, "the man with the iron jaw." Alle Drayton in song-and-dance was much liked. The departures on the 19th were Allie Drayton, Jimmie Reynolds, Lillie Linden and Harry Madden. The new faces for Oct. 21 are A. G. Boyce, ceiling walker; Archie White, Ethiopian comedian; the Mozert Sisters, character dancers; Fanny Thompson, premier dancer, and Frank and Fanny West.

D. S. GERRY advertises for a ballad singer, a soubrette, a dancer and other variety artists.

P. H. SEAMON, clown and general performer, is at present performing at Kelly's Opera-house, Binghamton, N. Y., where he can be addressed by managers desiring to engage him.

ESTEPHE'S NATIONAL THEATRE at Harrisburg, Pa., closed with the performance of Saturday evening, Oct. 11, owing, as the proprietor claims, to the failure of the receipts to equal the expenses. The members of the company came out short of funds, and left for other cities.

TWO CLOG DANCERS and a bass singer are wanted for Skiff & Gaylord's Minstrels. Low Gaylord also notifies the public that Harry Melville is not his agent. See advertisements.

BABY BINDLEY and Prof. Bindley, musical artists, who are at present engaged at the Metropolitan Theatre, Washington, D. C., where they may be addressed, can be secured for one week from Oct. 29, and for a week from Dec. 1, at the Academy of Music, Baltimore, Md.

THE HAWLEY BROTHERS, song and-dance and character artists, are at present traveling with the Washburn Brothers' Combination.

J. C. (FATTIE) STEWART, through a card elsewhere, returns thanks to his friends in England for kind treatment received during his late injuries there.

JOHN GILBERT, song-and-dance artist, grotesque dancer, etc., is at present performing at Shelby's Comique, Buffalo, N. Y., where he can be addressed.

WILL H. STOWE, clown, comedian and change artist, commences an engagement at Smith's Opera-house, Bellaire, Ohio, on Oct. 27, where he can be communicated with.

AT KELLEY'S PALACE OPERA-HOUSE, Binghamton, N. Y., the chief features of the past week were Johnny Emerson, C. Barrett, Little Clara, Sallie King, Jennie Jerome, P. H. Seamon and his Peter Houtz Family, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reynolds, Dutch and Irish comedian, and Allie Drayton, song-and-dance, are billed for Oct. 20.

SADI D'JALMA, contortionist, who also does a comic violin act, has just concluded a season's engagement with Van Amburgh's Menagerie, and he is prepared to accept engagements for the Winter season. Address as per card in another column.

KATHLEEN O'NEIL, Irish character vocalist, and Lizzie Shelton, character dancer, who are at present performing at Ritty's Opera-house, Dayton, O., advertise for engagements after Nov. 17.

"LA BRIGANDA," change-artist, and Della Smith, song-and-dance, now performing at the Academy of Music, Galveston, Texas, were each presented, it is reported, with a little cottage and six acres of ground.

BILLY HART, song-and-dance artist, who can be addressed care of this office, desires an engagement.

MANCHESTER AND JENNINGS commence an engagement at the Front-street Theatre, Baltimore, Md., on Oct. 27.

AN IRISH COMEDIAN, vocalist and dancer, is wanted for MacEvoy's Hibernicon. See advertisement.

AN ALMOST ENTIRE CHANGE of programme occurred the past week at the Howard Athenæum, Boston, Mass. Burlesque has disappeared, and in its place a genuine, unadulterated variety entertainment has once more been established. The greatest hit has been made by Master Barney and Sam Rickey, who opened in their new sketch, entitled "Taking the Pledge," which was immense. It is brim full of human nature, and shows up the comic side of the foibles and frailties of the average Irishman. The fun is fast and furious, and the performance of the week save Thursday and Friday evenings. Thursday has been set apart for "East Lynne," and Friday is the occasion of Miss William Warren's benefit, when he will call his friends "A Cup of Tea," "The Steeple Chase" and one other of his favorite pieces. "London Assurance" will probably be produced on the 27th inst.

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY put in an appearance at the Opera-house, Newcastle, Pa., on Oct. 10, 11, playing "Pizarro" and "Richard III" to moderate houses. An occasional correspondent says: "Mr. John Townsend's Rolla and Richard III gave general satisfaction, and Miss Berry, who assisted on both nights, in both characters were loudly applauded. Mr. Burnet Townsend as Pizarro and King Henry VI, Mr. Harry Townsend as Alonzo and Richmond, and Miss Constance Townsend as Elvira and Queen Elizabeth, were severally received with favor. The combat between Richard and Richmond caused great excitement, and fairly brought down the house." Mr. John Townsend, in answer to repeated calls, appeared before the curtain at the close and bowed his acknowledgments. The troupe opened at Conneautville, Pa., on Oct. 13, for a three nights' season, staying a fourth night by request, for their production of "Richard III." They then proceeded to Girard, Pa., where to-day they go to Ashtabula, Ashtabula county, Ohio."

The Conneautville (Pa.) *Courier* of Oct 16 says:

THE TOWNSEND FAMILY.—This justly celebrated dramatic troupe appeared here on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, to crowded and enthusiastic audiences. The pieces produced were "Lear in London" and "Loan of a Lover," "Pizarro" and "The Fast Young Lady," and "The Orphan of Geneva" and "Deaf as a Post." In the several characters were most ably represented, especially those by Messrs. John, Harry and Burnet Townsend, and Miss Constance Townsend, and drew forth abundant, well-merited applause. At the request of our playgoing citizens, the family have consented to remain to-night (Thursday), when they will produce Shakespeare's historical tragedy, in five acts, of "King Richard III," with the Townsend, the popular tragedian, in the title role, to be supplemented by a roaring farce. An overflowing house may safely be predicted.

MR. H. A. KENDALL recently played "Rip Van Winkle" at Des Moines, Iowa, and *The Daily Republican*, comparing him with Jefferson, who was there in June, says:

The personation of Rip Van Winkle by Mr. H. A. Kendall, of the Kendall Comedy Troupe, was a very fine piece of acting, as those present at Moore's Hall last night testified with tears and smiles. The character is Jefferson's family estate and pride, and gave him his great reputation. We have seen both gentlemen in the character, and they can be spoken of together in that relation. Mr. Kendall takes the part of the subject with a clear understanding and appreciation of the thoughts, feelings, appetites and emotions of the man he represents, and presents them with fine discrimination; but in our judgment he lacks some of the fine facial expressions that mark the finish of the character. This is no disparagement to Mr. Kendall, for some like his personation of "Rip" better than they did Jefferson's. The success of the play, as it is taking from the twenty years' sleep, and in this Mr. Kendall did finer acting than Jefferson.

Mr. Kendall also appeared, during the remainder of the week as Shylock in the "Merchant of Venice," and as Elliott Grey in "Rosedale," as a Party by the name of Johnson, and as Solon Shingle. He will be at Marshalltown, Iowa, for one week, commencing Oct. 20.

MUSICAL.

CAMILLA URSO and company will perform at Hartford, Ct. Oct. 27, New Bedford, Mass., 28, Manchester, N. H., 29.

SPALDING'S BELLRINGERS are to ring in West Medway, Mass., Oct. 22, Hopkinton 23, Ashland 24, South Framingham 25, Saxonville 27.

H. BEHRLE, violinist, who can be addressed care of this office, desires an engagement.

LEAVITT'S BELLRINGERS, with the Austins, Charles and Emma, protean artists, performed at Shell Rock Oct. 13, Cedar Falls 14, 15, Waverley 16, 17, Laporte 18.

LOUIS FREDERICK, violinist and viola player, whose address find elsewhere, wants an engagement.

THE PEAK AND PRAEGER TROUPE drew two good houses at Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 14, 15. Route ahead: Peru 16, Logansport 17, 18, Kokomo 20, Anderson 21, Crawfordsville 22, Danville, Ill., 23, 24, Lafayette 25, 27, Greencastle 28, Brazil 29, Terre Haute 31 and Nov. 1.

THE GERMAN OPERA TROUPE at Liederkranz Hall, Louisville, Ky., have been doing much better than expected. "Il Trovatore" was produced on Sunday evening, Oct. 12, and was favorably received. Miss Frankenberg was the Leonora; her fine voice and good acting won general applause. Miss Jaeger and Messrs. Beetz, Franosch and La Fountaine sang and acted in a very creditable manner. The orchestra is fair, and the chorus good. "Czar and Zimmermann" was given on the 15th to a large audience.

SMITH'S BELLRINGERS and Charley Harrison, humorist, were at Bonaparte, Ia., Oct. 17, Keosauqua 18, and are billed at Ottumwa 20, Prairie City 21, Pella 22, Des Moires 23.

THE BARNABEE TROUPE gave a concert at Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 16. The company consists of Mr. H. C. Barnabee, basso; W. J. Winch, tenor; M. Arbuckle, cornet soloist; Mrs. H. M. Smith, soprano; and Miss A. R. Clark, contralto and pianist.

SENOR DON ECKBIO DELZADO, a Spanish violinist of great repute, who has been in this city for some days, is to appear at the Knabe Musical Soiree, Oct. 25.

SALINA, Kansas, has her. Her name is Margie Anderson, she is eight years old and unmarried, and her prodigiousness is that she can read *any* music at sight.

M. CANONGE, the impressario of the Delta, and who is now at the French capital, has engaged the following artists to warble picayunes out of the pockets of New Orleans people: Mlles. Lagye, Cartni, Thielault (Bouffe Parisiennes), and Gabrielle Moissett (Paris Opera Comique), and MM. de Quercy (Paris and St. Petersburg theatres, and first tenor in opera bouffe), Lourde, Devozod, Fertlinger, Dupin, Marchand (Bouffe Parisiennes, and brother of Madame Colson, who was so great a favorite in New Orleans), Petrenet, St. Emile (as second stage-manager), and Linge (Vaudeville, Paris).

MAX MARETZEK'S troupe are to give "La Favorita" in Hartford, Ct., on the 21st, and in New Haven on the 23d.

SIG. AIMEE and her troupe are bouffing opera and the Cubans at the Tacon Theatre, Havana, Oct. 14 having been the entering-wedge to a subscription season of thirty nights.

THE KELLOGG English Opera Troupe concluded their two weeks' season at the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, on the 18th inst. The operas of "Lucia di Lammermoor," "Fra Diavolo," "Bohemian Girl," "Faust" and "Il Travatore," constituted the programme during the second and last week of the season, the attendance being satisfactory.

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FROM THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, OCT. 9.
ROBINSON'S OPERA-HOUSE.—In treating of "The New Magdalen," as presented at this house last evening, the first feeling which we must give vent to is that of gratified surprise. We had always known how charming Alice Dunning could be in those light semi-lyrical roles which introduced her queenly figure and rich English voice to this country. Yet, and we now confess it reluctantly, we never discovered in her the embryonic fires of a great emotional actress. And yet she has spurred herself to be last night. She proved it in many scenes which we have not time now to rehearse, but which the audience recognized as great, and paid tribute to as only an audience can. But it was in the great scene where she, as Mercy Merrick the false, meets the real Grace Roseberry, where she humiliates herself before her, and accepts her scornful insults with human nature can no more, and then bursts out in haughty defiance, that Miss Dunning rose to grandeur. Dressed in splendor, and of superb carriage, she might well tell the wronged girl before her that she had done more credit to Grace Roseberry than Grace Roseberry herself could have done. We have never seen a fine conception more fully carried out, even to that lingering "trace of a life which always leaves its traces," which the actress so delicately and yet so fittingly hints as still existing in one who had passed from that life to a refuge, and then to the position of a petted inmate of a happy home.
FROM THE DETROIT POST, SEPT. 24.
The role of Mercy Merrick—"The New Magdalen"—must be esteemed both as the best in a purely artistic sense, and as the most impressive, of Mrs. Lingard's personations. Her reading last evening was at once powerful and delicate, and that she was in the fullest sympathy with her audience was evident. Throughout the whole play she was a majestic, but suffering and repentant woman, and there was a pathos in the tremulous tones of her voice and a queenly dignity in her bearing, which moved many of her auditors to tears of genuine sympathy with her sufferings. All the fine and delicate shades of emotion were depicted by her with wonderful skill, and it is to be doubted if Mrs. Lingard has any character in her repertoire so admirably suited for the exhibition of the more refined traits of her style as that assumed by her last evening. 30-1t

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